VALLEY STREAM 13 SCHOOL DISTRICT

FAQ about Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Pre-Kindergarten
(Updated December 2025)

1. Does Valley Stream District 13 offer a Pre-K program each year?
The Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen Pre-K program is made possible through a grant from the New York State Department of Education, combined with funds from the district's general budget. If funding remains available, the district intends to continue to offer a Pre-K program moving forward.

2. Is the Pre-K program free?
Yes, the program is free of cost to parents.

3. Does the school district provide transportation for the Pre-K program?
No, the school district does not provide transportation for the Pre-K program.

4. What days are the children off from school?
The program follows the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen calendar.

5. How long is the program?
The program is a yearlong, full-day program that will follow the district calendar. The school day for the current Pre-K program is 8:35 am to 2:10 pm daily.

6. Is the program run by Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen?
The program is administered by the Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen School District. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact the building principal, Dr. Jasmine Shepherd at jshepherd@valleystream13.com, or the Pre-K Coordinator, Dr. Amanda King at aking@valleystream13.com.

7. Can all district 4-year-olds attend?
Though we have grown over the years to include more pre-kindergarten classes, there could be a greater number of students completing the application than there are spots available. If necessary, a random lottery will be held to determine who will be randomly selected to participate in the Pre-K program. All other applicants will be placed on a waiting list. If any vacancies occur during the year, they will be filled from the waiting list until it is exhausted.

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8. Who is eligible? How do I apply?
Resident district children who turn 4 years of age by December 1, 2026, are eligible for the program.

9. What if there is a custody situation regarding my child?
You must provide court documentation at time of registration and copies will be forwarded to the main office. In addition, you must contact the main office at (516) 568-6130. We recommend that you follow up with the teacher to be sure that all the proper safeguards are in place.

10. What kind of curriculum is taught in the program?
The program uses a NYS approved Pre-K curriculum and will follow the New York State Education Department Next Generation Standards for Early Learning (http://www.nysed.gov/early-learning/resource-guides-school-success-early-learning). The Creative Curriculum for Preschool, Guided Edition is a comprehensive, research-based curriculum that features inquiry, exploration, and discovery as the foundation of all learning.