



Kindergarten at Van Rensselaer Elementary!

Are you a resident of the City of Rensselaer who has a child who will be 5 years old by December 1, 2024?

Call Tracy Foust starting on February 26th at 396-3518 or tfoust@rcsd.k12.ny.us to register for the 2024-2025 school year. Registrations will be returning to in person, by appointments, beginning March 25th.

You will need to complete the on-line pre-registration that is on the school website: rcsd.k12.ny.us. (Listed on the pre-registration link is everything that you will need to register your child - for example: acceptable proofs of residency; acceptable documents for proof of age.

In addition, all of the paperwork that will need to be completed is included on the pre-registration link. You will need to download this additional paperwork (Elementary Registration Forms). Forms will be mailed to you only if you do not have use of a computer and cannot complete the on-line pre-registration.

ALL completed paperwork along with additional registration documentation will need to be submitted at the time of your registration appointment in March.

*****If you are missing any of the information the child will not be considered fully registered until the missing information is submitted.*****

Questions can be directed to Jeffrey M. Palmer, Principal at jpalmer@rcsd.k12.ny.us

or
436-4618



Pre-K at Van Rensselaer Elementary!

Are you a resident of the City of Rensselaer who has a child who will be 3 or 4 years old by December 1, 2024?

Call Tracy Foust starting on February 26th at 396-3518 or tfoust@rcsd.k12.ny.us to register for the 2024-2025 school year. Registrations will return to in person this year, by appointments, beginning the week of March 25th.

You will need to complete the on-line pre-registration that is on the school website: rcsd.k12.ny.us. (Listed on the pre-registration link is everything that you will need to register your child in March - for example: acceptable proofs of residency; acceptable documents for proof of age.)

In addition, all of the paperwork that will need to be completed is included on the pre-registration link. You will need to download this additional paperwork (Elementary Registration Forms, District Registration Form, and Pre-K Application for 4 year olds; 3 year olds will need the 3UPK Registration Forms). Forms will be mailed to you only if you do not have use of a computer and cannot complete the on-line pre-registration.

ALL completed paperwork along with additional registration documentation will be submitted at your appointment time the week of March 25th.

*****If you are missing any of the information the child will not be considered fully registered and not eligible for the lottery . In addition, if your child is a 3 year old currently enrolled at CEO, you are not guaranteed a spot in the 4 year old program at VR - you will need to register and go through the lottery process. (3 year old spots will be filled on a lottery basis and will be attending CEO - Headstart on Third Street)*****

All placements will be determined using a lottery system (additional information on the back of this flyer).

Program questions can be directed to Jeffrey M. Palmer, Principal at jpalmer@rcsd.k12.ny.us or 436-4618 (OVER)

Eligibility for 2024-25 School Year:

The district offers up to 54 slots. In the event there are more eligible applicants than available slots at the end of the registration period, the district will conduct a lottery-based system to determine who may enroll in the program. The lottery will select attendees on a random basis. New York state UPK regulations prohibit a district from prioritizing eligible students for any reason, including economic background. It is important to note that the selection of one twin, triplet or household member has no effect on the selection of any other siblings during the lottery selection process. In any year that enrollment exceeds available slots, the lottery system will be used at the end of the enrollment period and children not randomly selected will be placed on a waiting list. If slots open after the enrollment period, they will be filled from the waiting list until it has been exhausted.

Prohibition on Administration of Traditional Standardized Tests:

It is important to know that no school District shall administer traditional standardized tests in a prekindergarten program. For clarity, a traditional standardized test shall mean a systematic method of gathering information from objectively scored items that allow the test taker to select one or more of the given options or choices as their response. Examples include multiple-choice, true-false, and matching items. Traditional standardized tests do not include performance assessments or assessments in which students perform real-world tasks that demonstrate application of knowledge and skills. In addition, they do not include assessments that are otherwise required to be administered by Federal law; and/or assessments used for diagnostic or formative purposes, including but not limited to assessments used for diagnostic screening required by Education Law section 3208(5).

Program Times/Transportation:

It is projected that the program will start at about 8:15 a.m. and end at about 2:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided to and from the program. Parents may also drop off and pick up their child. Specific information about the drop off and pick up process will be provided prior to the start of the program.