

# POLICY

2018

8200  
1 of 1

INSTRUCTION

---

---

## **SUBJECT: UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM**

The Massena Central School District believes that the knowledge children gain in early childhood is crucial to their future. A quality Prekindergarten experience helps lay the foundation for the kinds of skills, knowledge and behaviors that children will be expected to master in the future. Therefore, it is the intention of the District to serve all eligible students in the Massena Central School District with a fully implemented Universal Prekindergarten Program (UPK).

The District employs one (1) full-time teacher and one (1) full-time teaching assistant for each two (2) half-day sessions of UPK in each elementary building. The regulated number of children for each classroom is eighteen (18). If enrollment exceeds those numbers, the District will consider one of the following options to address the increase in enrollment:

- a) If enrollment at one school exceeds 18, while another school is less than 18, the parent/guardian will be given the choice to enroll his/her child in the school with the lesser amount. If the parent declines this option, the child will be placed on a waiting list for the next available opening in the school determined by their residence.
- b) If all UPK classes have reached maximum capacity of 18 students and enrollment exceeds that amount, the District may enroll students up to 20 per class and hire an additional teaching assistant for each class with more than 18 students.
- c) If all UPK classes have reached maximum capacity of 18-20 students and enrollment exceeds that number, the District may partner with a community-based organization to provide a UPK Program for those additional students.
- d) If all UPK classes have reached maximum capacity of 18-20 students and enrollment exceeds that amount, the District may hire new staff and open an additional classroom.

Adopted: 5/3/18