

# AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT – PREKINDERGARTEN



## What can I expect from 3PK and UPK during the 2020-2021 school year?

While some aspects will look a bit different this year, you can expect a safe, caring environment for your child to experience play-based learning.

Each site is independent of the Auburn Enlarged City School District and follows the guidance of their licensing agency. Most often this is the Office of Children and Family Services. Because PreKs are independently run through Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), programming and scheduling may look a bit different from site to site. We truly believe this is one of our strengths! We are able to help families find the PreK site that best fits their needs.

AECSD coordinates with each site to ensure funding through NYSED Office of Early Learning. We partner with seven Auburn CBOs to ensure high quality instruction is provided to all future AECSD students. Students are exposed to a common curriculum that develops early literacy, math, and social-emotional skills they will need as they enter AECSD Kindergarten classrooms.

## What measures are PreK sites taking to ensure the safety of my child during COVID-19?

Each CBO is taking many actions to help keep students and staff safe. Some of those actions are:

- Daily health checks, including taking temperatures and asking Health Department questions regarding exposure and possible symptoms
- Isolation room for students who show Covid-19 symptoms and are awaiting parent pickup
- Enforcing the 24- (and in some cases, 48-) hour fever-free policy where students are not allowed to return to class until they have been without a fever and fever-reducing medication for the designated timeframe.
- May require a doctor's clearance after a child is sick or sent home sick
- Heightened cleaning regiment throughout the school day and overnight
- Social distancing
- Students wearing masks when social distancing guidelines cannot be maintained – frequent mask breaks will occur as needed
- Staff wearing masks
- Instruction on proper hand washing and many opportunities throughout the day for frequent hand washing by all
- Staggered start times to reduce number of people congregated at one time
- Limiting additional adults into facilities
- No family-style meals at this time
- Daily sanitation of toys and other materials

## Why are 3PK and UPK students returning fulltime in person while the Auburn Enlarged City School District is returning through a phased in hybrid model?

We know that young children learn best in-person. They need concrete, hands-on experiences and frequent social interaction. We felt it was important to provide that learning environment to the best of our ability

Additionally, most CBOs provide childcare for working families when instruction is not scheduled. Therefore, many remained open during part or all of the school shutdown period that began in March 2020. Working families were faced with additional financial challenges. We did not want those challenges to continue longer than necessary.

## What if I do not want my child to return fulltime?

NYSED OEL has provided guidance to PreK sites that may allow remote/hybrid learning opportunities for concerned families. Please reach out to your site for additional information.

## What if I change my mind about sending my child?

We would love to see your child in person when you feel comfortable! Please contact AECSD at that time in order to determine where slots are available.

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For more specific information,  
please contact your child's PreK  
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