

What I need to know about the Application Process at Uplift

THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AT UPLIFT

What happens once the application becomes available?

- Applications, for 2021-2022, for ALL Uplift Schools will become available on Sunday, November 1, 2020
- All Uplift Schools accept ONLY an online application and is available in English and Spanish.
- There is NO fee to apply to an Uplift School.
- The application has the option to enter up to three Uplift school choices.
- The application must be submitted before the application deadline of Friday, February 1, 2021 (midnight) to be included in the lottery but does not guarantee a spot at the school.

Campus Name	Location	Grades Available for 2021-2022
Uplift Ascend	SE Fort Worth	Prek-9
Uplift Crescendo (NEW)	Arlington, TX	Prek-5
Uplift Elevate	Fort Worth, TX	Prek-9
Uplift Gradus	Cedar Hill	PreK - 5
Uplift Grand	Grand Prairie	PreK - 12
Uplift Hampton	South Dallas	PreK - 12
Uplift Heights	West Dallas	PreK - 12
Uplift Infinity	South Irving	PreK - 12
Uplift Luna	Downtown Dallas	PreK - 12
Uplift Meridian	Fort Worth, TX	PreK - 5
Uplift Mighty	Fort Worth, TX	PreK - 12
Uplift North Hills	North Irving	K - 12
Uplift Peak	East Dallas	PreK - 12
Uplift Pinnacle	Oak Cliff	K-5
Uplift Summit International	Arlington, TX	PreK – 12
Uplift Triumph	Bachman Lake	PreK – 5
Uplift White Rock Hills	East Dallas	PreK – 5
Uplift Williams	Love Field	PreK – 12
Uplift Wisdom	Oak Cliff	PreK, K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,11

- Due to limited spots at each school and in each grade, a lottery must be held to determine who is admitted. See ‘What is the Lottery?’ below for more details.
- All schools accept applications after the application deadline; however, the application will immediately be placed on the waitlist in the order received.
- You will receive an email confirmation once the application is submitted.

- An application submitted for a school year DOES NOT roll over to the next school year. You must apply each year.
- Only ONE application will be accepted per student, per school year.

What are the admission requirements for an Uplift School?

- There are NO academic admission requirements to attend an Uplift school.
- You must live with-in the geographic boundaries of the school in order to apply and attend an Uplift School.
- Geographic boundaries are established in Uplift's Charter and are listed below. Please review the list below to determine if your child is eligible to attend an Uplift School.

GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES FOR ALL UPLIFT SCHOOLS for the 2021-2022 Academic Year				
School Districts:				
Aledo	Cedar Hill	Frisco	Little Elm	Red Oak
Allen	Celina	Garland	Lovejoy	Richardson
Alvord	Chico	Godley	Mansfield	Rockwall
Anna	Coppell	Grand Prairie	McKinney	Royce City
Argyle	Crandall	Grapevine-Colleyville	Melissa	Sanger
Arlington	Crowley	Highland Park	Mesquite	Seagoville
Aubrey	Dallas	Hurst-Euless-Bedford	Midlothian	Sherman
Azle	Decatur	Irving	Murphy	Slidell
Birdville	Denton	Joshua	Northwest	Sunnyvale
Blue Ridge	Desoto	Keller	Palmer	Waxahachie
Boyd	Duncanville	Kennedale	Paradise	Weatherford
Bridgeport	Eagle - Mt Saginaw	Krum	Pilot Point	White Settlement
Burleson	Everman	Lake Dallas	Plano	Wylie
Carroll	Ferris	Lake Worth	Ponder	
Carrollton-FB	Forney	Lancaster	Princeton	
Castleberry	Fort Worth	Lewisville	Prosper	

- Uplift has the right to deny admissions to applicants with documented history of a criminal offense, juvenile court adjudication, or serious discipline history including expulsion or placement in an alternative education placement setting. If this information is not disclosed in the application, and is later discovered by Uplift Education, the applicant's admission will be revoked. It is the parent's responsibility to inform the school of any offense occurring after the date of application. Any falsifications, misrepresentations, or omissions of information regarding your child's history may disqualify your child's application.
- Uplift has the right to verify eligibility data, such as applicant's date of birth, residency or basis for an exemption. If incorrect information is provided in the application, the admission may be revoked.

What is the Lottery?

- Admission is determined by a name-blind lottery, for applications submitted between Sunday, November 1 and Monday, February 1, 2021.
- Each Uplift School has limited space. A lottery is held when more applications are received than there are available spaces, per grade.
- Lottery results will be communicated in the spring ONLY to those that are selected in the lottery.

What is the Lottery selection process?

- **How will families be notified?**
 - Applicants selected in the lottery will be notified by email during the 1st week of February 2021 after the lottery is conducted.
 - The admitted list will be posted on the school's website. Some Uplift Schools will also post the results in the school's lobby.
 - If notification is not received, by late spring, regarding child's status in the lottery, please contact the Community Engagement and Enrollment Coordinator at your first choice school.
- **How do families accept their admittance?**
 - Admitted students must indicate their decline or acceptance within 2 weeks of the receipt of notice of admittance email. If we do not receive a response within the 2 week timeframe, we will assume that you are declining the offer of admittance.
 - After the school receives the acceptance confirmation, admitted students will be emailed a registration information for NEW scholars for the online enrollment process.
 - Newly admitted scholars will be notified about student orientation to be held Spring 2021
 - Uplift reserves the right to determine grade placement based on a review of prior academic records and state testing.

What is the Waitlist and how does it work?

- Waitlists are established when an Uplift School receives more applications for a given grade than space available. In the event that a spot becomes available, students on the waitlist will be offered admission in the order listed.
- Applications received AFTER the application deadline are placed on the waitlist in the order received.
- The Waitlist, as of the lottery date, will be posted on the school's website. Applications received after the application deadline will be on the waitlist but will not be posted on the website.
- If your child is not selected in the lottery, please stand-by! We move thru the waitlist quickly!

What are the Lottery Preferences?

Preferences in the lottery are given to Uplift staff, siblings of current scholars, and certain zip codes at the same school as long as the application is received before the lottery deadline, but does not guarantee enrollment.

- **Sibling Preference**
 - An applicant who has a sibling currently attending an Uplift School must still apply to the school.
 - The applying child will receive preference in the lottery due to the enrolled sibling, but is not guaranteed admittance.
 - The preference will only apply to the same school the sibling attends.
 - The sibling status will be verified, prior to the lottery, via school records.
- **Zip Code Preference**
 - The following zip codes surrounding each school receive preference in the lottery.
 - Anyone within the geographical boundaries may apply, but those within the zip codes listed below will receive preference for that Uplift School.

Campus Name	Zip Code Preferences for the 2021-2022 School Year
Uplift Ascend	76119 (S of Bus 287), 76134, 76140
Uplift Crescendo	none
Uplift Elevate	1. North Boundary: Old Weatherford Road, East Boundary: Chapel Creek Boulevard, West Boundary: Old Weatherford Chapin Road, South East Boundary: Interstate 30, and South West Boundary: Mary's Creek, 2. North Boundary: Interstate 30, East Boundary: Chisholm Trail Parkway, West Boundary: Highway 820, and South Boundary: Interstate 20
Uplift Gradus	75104, 75115, 75134, 75137
Uplift Grand	75050, 75051, 75052, 75054
Uplift Hampton	75104, 75115, 75116, 75134, 75137, 75237
Uplift Heights	75212
Uplift Heights Secondary	75212
Uplift Infinity	75060, 75061
Uplift Luna Primary	75215, 75217, 75223, 75227, 75228
Uplift Luna Secondary	75215, 75217, 75223, 75227, 75228
Uplift Meridian	76103, 76105, 76112, 76119 (N of Bus 287)
Uplift Mighty	76103, 76105, 76112, 76119 (N of Bus 287)
Uplift North Hills	None
Uplift Peak	75204, 75206, 75214, 75217, 75223, 75227, 75228
Uplift Pinnacle	75208, 75211, 75216, 75224, 75232, 75241
Uplift Summit International	None
Uplift Triumph	75220 west of Midway, 75229 west of Marsh, 75235,
Uplift Williams	75220 west of Midway, 75229 west of Marsh, 75235,
Uplift Wisdom	75208, 75211, 75216, 75224, 75232, 75241
Uplift Whiterock Hills	75149, 75150, 75180, 75217, 75218, 75227, 75228

HOW TO APPLY?

The Application Process: Follow these steps to submit an online application.

STEP 1: Verify your child's eligibility to apply and attend an Uplift school.

- Age requirements
 - If applying for kindergarten, the child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2021.
 - If applying for 1st grade, the child must be 6 years old on or before September 1, 2021.
- Residence must be within certain geographic boundaries to apply. Refer to page 2.
- Documented discipline issues
 - Uplift has the right to deny admissions to applicants with documented history of a criminal offense, juvenile court adjudication, or serious discipline history including expulsion or placement in an alternative education placement setting. If this information is not disclosed in the application, and is later discovered by Uplift Education, the applicant's admission will be revoked. It is the parent's responsibility to inform the school of any offense occurring after the date of application. Any falsifications, misrepresentations, or omissions of information regarding your child's history may disqualify your child's application.

STEP 2: Create a SchoolMint account <https://uplifteducation.schoolmint.net/welcome>

To start the online application process you will need to create a SchoolMint account and password.

- If you are a returning scholar and are applying for a sibling, you were sent username and set password in October 2020

STEP 3: Complete the online application.

- Enter the current information about your child's name, grade, contact information, and select the school(s) of interest. You will need:
 - A copy of your child's birth certificate: Be sure to use your child's legal name as it appears on the birth certificate and verify child's date of birth.
 - **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:** An email address to receive the email confirmation.

STEP 4: Submit the online application.

- We recommend that you complete and submit the application in one session.

PRE-K PROGRAM. Which Uplift Schools offer the Pre-K Program?

Uplift Education will provide a Pre-K program at the following schools for the 2021-2022 school year:

Campus Name	Location	Partner	Address
Uplift Ascend	SW Fort Worth	Uplift – Full Day	3301 Turf Paradise Pkwy
Uplift Crescendo	Fort Worth	Uplift – Full Day	1200 Cooks Lane 76120
Uplift Elevate	East Fort Worth	Uplift – Full Day	10800 Chapin Road
Uplift Gradus	DeSoto	Uplift – Full Day	121 Seahawk Dr.
Uplift Grand	Grand Prairie	Uplift – Full Day	300 E. Church St.
Uplift Hampton	DeSoto	Uplift – Full Day	121 Seahawk Dr.
Uplift Heights	West Dallas	Mi Escuelita – ½ day	2806 Canada Dr.
Uplift Infinity *	South Irving	Mi Escuelita – ½ day	4931 Bernal Dr.
Uplift Luna *	Downtown Dallas	Mi Escuelita – Full Day	4231 Maple Ave.
Uplift Meridian	Fort Worth	Uplift – Full Day	1801 S. Beach St.
Uplift Mighty	Fort Worth	Uplift – Full Day	@ 1801 S. Beach St.
Uplift Peak	East Dallas	Mi Escuelita – ½ Day	1835 Young Street.
Uplift Pinnacle	No longer offered – if interested please sign up @ Wisdom Prek.	No longer offered	No longer offered
Uplift Summit	Arlington	Uplift – Full Day	@ 1200 Cooks Lane 76120
Uplift Triumph	Bachman Lake Area	Uplift – Full Day	9411 Hargrove Dr.
Uplift Williams	Bachman Lake Area	Uplift – Full Day	@9411 Hargrove Dr.
Uplift White Rock Hills *	Far East Dallas	Mi Escuelita – ½ Day	7370 Valley Glen Dr.
Uplift Wisdom	Oak Cliff	Uplift – Full Day	301 W. Camp Wisdom Road

** Offer FULL DAY Pre-K Program through Head Start. Must qualify based on Head Start financial guidelines. Hours vary.*

How does the Pre-K Lottery work?

- Same lottery guidelines mentioned in the ‘The Admission Process at Uplift’ apply when applying for the half day Pre-K program.
- Being drawn in the lottery means you will get an opportunity to determine if your family is eligible for Pre-K

What is the Pre-K Lottery selection process?

- Those selected in the Pre-K lottery will be notified by April 2021.
- Once selected each applicant will have to qualify for the program based on the eligibility requirements listed below.

How does a student qualify for the Pre-K Program? The Texas legislature determines eligibility requirements for free, public prekindergarten in Texas.

Eligibility to enroll in the free, half day Pre-K program will be determined based on qualifying indicators, including:

- Age**
 - A child must be at least three years of age to apply as of September 1, 2021
 - With eligibility preference given to 4 year-olds as of September 1, 2021
- Applicants must meet at least ONE of the following qualifying indicators:**
 - Child is unable to speak or comprehend English, **OR**
 - Child qualifies for free or reduced lunch program, **OR**



- Child is homeless, **OR**
- Child of a military parent, **OR**
- Child is in foster care, **OR**
- Child of Star of Texas Award recipient.

Please contact the Family Engagement Coordinator of your first choice Uplift School with any questions.