



# Upper Dauphin Area Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

If you are receiving this letter it is because our census records show that you have a child living in your home that meets the age requirements to attend our PreK Count and Head Start programs for the 2020-2021 school year. Upper Dauphin Area Elementary School hopes to have two programs in our school for the upcoming school year to help meet the needs of our preschool age children: Head Start and the UDAES PreK Counts program. Please see the enclosed flyer (front and back) that explains the two programs.

Per the grant guidelines, there are income requirements for both PreK Counts and Head Start. For PreK Counts, you must be below 300% of the poverty level in order for your child(ren) to qualify for this program. Head Start has more strict income requirements. I encourage you to apply if you are interested in free preschool for your child and are below 300% of the poverty level. The federal poverty level income chart is included on the enclosed application (on the back of page 1) for your reference. Please note that these are the 2019 Poverty Guidelines, so they may change slightly however please still apply if you are within these guidelines.

Please note that returning the application does NOT guarantee your child a spot in one of these classrooms. Applications will be screened as they are received and you will be contacted if your child has been selected for one of the programs or if there are any questions about your application or qualifications. Please complete and return the application at your earliest convenience. We hope to make decisions for the 2020-2021 school year approximately mid-March so that the selected families have time to plan for the upcoming school year.

You can mail your completed application to: Upper Dauphin Area Elementary School, 5668 State Route 209, Lykens PA 17048 (Attn: Jessica Megonnell), scan it to email address [megonnellj@udasd.org](mailto:megonnellj@udasd.org) or drop it off at the elementary school office.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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