

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 the 2019-2020 school year, for ALL Uplift Schools will become available on Saturday, December 1, 2018.
- 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, 2019 to be included in the lottery but does not guarantee a spot at the school.

LOTTERY DEADLINES for the 2019-2020 Academic Year				
Campus Name	Location	Grades Available for 2019-20	Begin Accepting Applications for 2019-2020	Lottery Deadline
Uplift Ascend	SE Fort Worth	K - 3, 6, 7	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Elevate	West Fort Worth	K - 2, 6, 7	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Gradus	DeSoto	PreK - 5	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Grand	Grand Prairie	PreK - 12	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Hampton	South Dallas	K - 12	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Heights Primary	West Dallas	PreK - 5	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Heights Secondary	West Dallas	6 - 12	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Infinity	South Irving	PreK - 12	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Luna Primary	Downtown Dallas	PreK - 5	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Luna Secondary	Downtown Dallas	6 - 12	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Meridian	Fort Worth	PreK - 5	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Mighty	Fort Worth	PreK - 12	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift North Hills	North Irving	K - 12	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Peak	East Dallas	PreK - 12	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Pinnacle Primary	Oak Cliff	K - 5	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Summit International	Arlington	K - 12	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Triumph	Bachman Lake Area	PreK - 5	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift White Rock Hills	Far East Dallas	PreK - 4	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Williams	Love Field Area	K - 12	12/1/2018	2/1/2019
Uplift Wisdom	South Dallas	PreK - 2, 6 - 9	12/1/2018	2/1/2019



- 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 2019-2020 Academic Year				
School Districts:				
Allen	Cedar Hill	Frisco	Little Elm	Princeton
Alvord	Celina	Garland	Lovejoy	Red Oak
Anna	Chico	Grand Prairie	Mansfield	Richardson
Argyle	Coppell	Grapevine-Colleyville	McKinney	Rockwall
Arlington	Crowley	Highland Park	Melissa	Royce City
Aubrey	Dallas	Hurst-Euless-Bedford	Mesquite	Sanger
Azle	Decatur	Irving	Midlothian	Sherman
Birdville	Denton	Keller	Northwest	Slidell
Blue Ridge	Desoto	Kennedale	Palmer	Sunnyvale
Boyd	Duncanville	Krum	Paradise	Waxahachie
Bridgeport	Eagle - Mt Saginaw	Lake Dallas	Pilot Point	White Settlement
Carroll	Everman	Lake Worth	Plano	
Carrollton-FB	Ferris	Lancaster	Ponder	
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 Saturday, December 1, 2018 and Friday, February 1, 2019.
- 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 on Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 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 snapcode. The snapcode is the student's unique identifier for the online enrollment process.
 - Newly admitted scholars will be notified to attend a Pre-Attendance Conference (PAC) to be held at the school in the late spring.
 - 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, we hope you will continue to apply to our schools in the future school years.

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.

ZIP CODE PREFERENCES for the 2019-2020 Academic Year	
Campus Name	Zip Code Preferences
Uplift Ascend	76119 south of Business 287, 76134, 76140
Uplift Elevate	None
Uplift Gradus	75104, 75115, 75134, 75137
Uplift Grand	75050, 75051, 75052, 75053, 75054
Uplift Hampton	75104, 75115, 75116, 75134, 75137, 75237
Uplift Heights	75212
Uplift Infinity	75060, 75061
Uplift Luna	75215, 75217, 75223, 75227, 75228
Uplift Meridian	76103, 76105, 76112, 76119
Uplift Mighty	76103, 76105, 76112, 76119 north of Business 287
Uplift North Hills	None
Uplift Peak	75204, 75206, 75214, 75217, 75223, 75227, 75228
Uplift Pinnacle Primary	75208, 75211, 75216, 75224, 75232, 75241
Uplift Summit International	76010, 76011, 76012, 76013, 76014
Uplift Triumph	75220 west of Midway, 75229 west of Marsh, 75235
Uplift White Rock Hills	75149, 75150, 75180, 75217, 75218, 75227, 75228
Uplift Williams	75220 west of Midway, 75229 west of Marsh, 75235
Uplift Wisdom	75208, 75211, 75216, 75224, 75232, 75241

Contact the Community Engagement and Enrollment Coordinator of your first choice school if you have any additional questions about the lottery process.

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, 2019.
 - If applying for 1st grade, the child must be 6 years old on or before September 1, 2019.
- 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 an InfoSnap account at www.uplifteducation.org/apply

- To start the online application process you will need to create an InfoSnap ID and password.
- If you have previously applied for a child to an Uplift school, please use your previous InfoSnap log in account.
- InfoSnap helpline is 1-866-752-6850. Office hours are M-F: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm or email support@infosnap.com.

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.
- An email confirmation will be sent to the email provided and will contain a list of frequently asked questions regarding Uplift's Lottery process.
- To make any future changes to your application, please contact your first choice school.

HALF DAY PRE-K PROGRAM

Which Uplift Schools offer the HALF DAY Pre-K Program?

Uplift Education will provide a half day Pre-K program at the following schools for the 2019-20 school year:

Campus Name	Location	Partner	Address	Lottery Deadline
Uplift Gradus	DeSoto	Mi Escuelita	121 Seahawk Dr.	2/1/2019
Uplift Grand	Grand Prairie	Mi Escuelita	300 E. Church St.	2/1/2019
Uplift Heights Primary	West Dallas	Mi Escuelita	2806 Canada Dr.	2/1/2019
Uplift Infinity *	South Irving	Mi Escuelita	4931 Bernal Dr.	2/1/2019
Uplift Luna Primary *	Downtown Dallas	Mi Escuelita	4231 Maple Ave.	2/1/2019
Uplift Meridian *	Fort Worth	Child Care Association	1801 S. Beach St.	2/1/2019
Uplift Mighty	Fort Worth	TBD	3700 Mighty Mite Dr.	2/1/2019
Uplift Peak	East Dallas	Mi Escuelita	1609 N. Henderson Ave.	2/1/2019
Uplift Triumph *	Bachman Lake Area	Mi Escuelita	9411 Hargrove Dr.	2/1/2019
Uplift White Rock Hills *	Far East Dallas	Mi Escuelita	7370 Valley Glen Dr.	2/1/2019
Uplift Wisdom	South Dallas	TBD	301 W Camp Wisdom Rd	2/1/2019

* 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?

- The lottery deadline for the half day Pre-K programs vary at each Uplift School.
- Same lottery guidelines mentioned in the ‘The Admission Process at Uplift’ apply when applying for the half day Pre-K program.

What is the Pre-K Lottery selection process?

- Those selected in the Pre-K lottery will be notified by April 2019.
- 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?

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

1. Age

- A child must be at least three years of age to apply as of September 1, 2019
- With eligibility preference given to 4 year-olds as of September 1, 2019

The Texas legislature determines eligibility requirements for free, public prekindergarten in Texas.

2. 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 Community Engagement and Enrollment Coordinator of your first choice Uplift School with any questions.