

Grand Isle Supervisory Union

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ACT 166: PUBLICALLY FUNDED PRESCHOOL

Beginning with the 2016-2017 School Year public funding for 10 hours a week of preschool will be available under Act 166. Public funding for preschool is sent directly to the pre-qualified provider.

How to Apply for Pre-qualified Preschool

If you are a parent or guardian of a child between the ages of 3-5 years, (child must be at least 3 years old on or before September 1) and you are a resident of Alburgh, Grand Isle, Isle LaMotte, North Hero or South Hero, you may apply for public preschool funding by completing the following 3 steps:

1. **Register** your child at your local school district.
 - a. Registration forms are available on the Grand Isle Supervisory Union website
 - b. or at your local school.
2. **Complete residency verification** with the Grand Isle Supervisory Union office by contacting the GISU Director of Student Support Services.
 - a. If you have already completed the residency verification for a school age child, then you do not need to duplicate.
 - b. The local school district's registrar will need to verify.
3. **Enroll your child in a pre-qualified preschool program** anywhere in the State of Vermont for 10 hours a week (Public funding only covers tuition for 10 hours a week)
 - a. Notify GISU Director of Student Support Services where you have enrolled your child.

All 3 steps must be completed in order for your child to qualify for Act 166 Public Funding. Once the above steps are complete and your child's enrollment is verified, the Supervisory Union will pay the pre-qualified provider at a tuition rate set by the State of Vermont for your to attend 10 hours a week or beyond 35 weeks during the academic school year. Any tuition or fees above 10 hours a week or beyond 35 weeks will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

Grand Isle Supervisory Union Preschool Programs

In addition, the Grand Isle Supervisory Union provides a tuition free, high quality pre-qualified preschool program. The Grand Isle Supervisory Union has four (4) classrooms that offer 10 hours a week from 8:00 to 11:30 am. The Grand Isle Supervisory Union Preschool Programs accept applications from any family residing within one of the 5 school district towns.

Any child currently enrolled in the Grand Isle Supervisory Union preschool programs and not entering kindergarten will automatically be enrolled for the following year.