

Preschool Report: June/July 2026

Following summer planning and preparation, we are excited to welcome over 120 preschool students when school begins on August 10th.

Playgrounds – Polk Central, Saluda, and Sunny View

Remaining playground funds were used to complete playground improvements across the district. Updates include new outdoor equipment, fresh sand, and sandbox covers at Sunny View, Saluda, and Polk Central, as well as new sod at Polk Central and new sidewalks at both Polk Central and Sunny View.

Staffing

We enter the 2026–2027 school year fully staffed across all preschool positions.

Shelley Upton has worked to secure upcoming training for our staff. Lisa Brown, support coach, will be leading professional development alongside our Office of Early Learning consultant from DPI, following planning meetings held with her this summer. Renee Souther has worked to ensure new students have updated health assessments, immunizations and made sure teachers are aware of any medical concerns

Enrollment

All 80 allotted Head Start slots are fully enrolled and many of our 91 NC PreK slots are filled. Amy Scott managed the summer intake process to ensure all enrolled children met program qualifications.