

Preschool Program Monthly Summary May/June 2023

Enrollment

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Classrooms	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Total Children Enrolled	103	109	113	116	118	120	119	118	117	115	115
*Head Start	64	77	79	80	78	80	80	80	78	80	80
NC PreK	80	82	87	87	88	89	88	88	87	88	88
*Other (Title I, Tuition, Exceptional Children)	15	15	13	15	20	20	20	20	19	17	17

*Children may be counted in more than one category

Head Start Percentage in Attendance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
All Classrooms	99%	93%	84%	84%	88.97%	87%	89%	89%	89%	90%	<i>Due</i>
Tryon Howald	100%	95%	87%	89%	91%	92%	94%	94%	92%	92%	<i>to</i>
Tryon Roush	96%	94%	90%	83%	93%	89%	92%	92%	88%	90%	<i>only</i>
Tryon Smith	100%	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%	82%	96%	<i>ten</i>
Tryon, Scott	100%	86%	83%	92%	78%	91%	85%	85%	82%	94%	<i>days</i>
Polk Central Crowder	100%	92%	87%	72%	85%	78%	83%	82%	885	84%	<i>data</i>
Polk Central Conner	100%	98%	83%	84%	88%	84%	90%	90%	94%	89%	<i>is</i>
Polk Central Burnett	96%	96%	82%	87%	92%	90%	91%	91%	87%	95%	<i>not</i>
Sunny View Upton	100%	93%	75%	84%	91%	89%	80%	80%	86%	90%	<i>captured</i>
Saluda Freck	100%	89%	84%	85%	80%	77%	88%	88%	90%	90%	

All PreK Students Percentage in Attendance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
All Classrooms	99%	94%	85%	84%	89%	89%	89%	90%	90%	91%	<i>Due</i>
Tryon Howald	100%	96%	89%	88%	90%	91%	90%	94%	94%	91%	<i>to</i>
Tryon Roush	97%	91%	91%	90%	92%	90%	93%	90%	90%	92%	<i>only</i>
Tryon Smith	97%	97%	88%	87%	90%	94%	94%	93%	93%	91%	<i>ten</i>
Tryon, Scott	100%	90%	89%	88%	88%	92%	89%	91%	91%	93%	<i>days</i>
Polk Central Crowder	100%	93%	85%	84%	86%	81%	86%	90%	90%	85%	<i>data</i>
Polk Central Conner	100%	98%	83%	82%	84%	87%	88%	92%	92%	88%	<i>is</i>
Polk Central Burnett	97%	97%	82%	80%	90%	90%	91%	87%	87%	94%	<i>not</i>
Sunny View Upton	100%	92%	75%	73%	92%	89%	78%	86%	86%	90%	<i>captured</i>
Saluda Freck	100%	90%	85%	84%	82%	85%	88%	91%	91%	90%	

Family Services

- We have been busy with our enrollment for next year. At this time we have completed almost all of our enrollment appointments for the fall. Our numbers are wonderful and we look forward to having a full roll for the fall!!

Support Coach

- The month started with a great event. The preschool broke ground on the new preschool building at Tryon Elementary School.
- During the month, I had the opportunity to go to KidSenses and the Ice Cream Barn with the Sunny View preschool class and I also went to the Hands On Museum with Polk Central's Mrs. Burnett and Mrs. Moore's classes.

- The classes at Polk Central had a wonderful parent event that I assisted with where the students and parents were engaged in activities about plants and planting.
- I assisted Tryon and Polk Central with re-enrollment of returners for the upcoming school year.
- At Forbes I assisted with the upgoing kindergarteners with a visit to the cafeteria. Lastly, I delivered and ordered supplies that the schools needed.

Health and Safety

- The Pre-k Nurse continues to complete hearing and vision screenings on new children and children transitioning to school-based services when they reach their third birthday.
- The Pre-k nurse continues to attend all meetings for children with disabilities and Kindergarten transition meetings.
- The Pre-k Nurse helped with re-enrollment for Sunny View families and enrollment appointments for new students.
- The Pre-k nurse has continued completing the PIR for Health Services and Disabilities for the end of year reporting to Head Start. It appears our program will meet or exceed the outcomes expected by the Office of Head Start in the area of Health and Disabilities.
- The pre-k nurse is getting together health related information and health assessments that are good for rising Kindergarteners for the nurses at their schools.
- The Pre-k nurse is continuing to send reminders to parents when children are due for yearly well-child checks.

Education

- The Education Manager assisted in enrollment activities for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Two PreK teachers participated in a six hour training session as part of their completion of required LETRS literacy training. This virtual training was facilitated by the Education Manager.
- The Education Manager attended several meetings with potentially delayed students and the Exceptional Children staff, and completed a couple assessments and observations for this process.
- Two PreK teachers attended the all-day NCAEYC Mini Conference at Appalachian State University.
- PreK teachers completed Checkpoint 3 for the MyTeachingStrategies assessment process. They also completed Transition to Kindergarten reports in the TSG system for all students who will attend Kindergarten next year.
- Classrooms and sites planned several end-of-year field trips and events to celebrate a good school year.

Program Management

- This is a busy time of year as we close out the 22/23 school year and plan for the 23/24 year.
- Much praise goes to the Central Office Preschool staff. They have worked long hours to complete enrollment for the 23/24 school year. This is a huge task that is usually finalized in mid August. We are basically full at all schools except a few spots remain at Tryon. This is by serving 4 year old children and a very limited number of 3 year olds who have been identified as developmentally delayed.
- Amanda VanDuyne will be retiring at the end of June. She has been a very important part of the preschool program since she came to us many years ago from SC as a preschool teacher. I hear frequently from her students that are now our parents what a wonderful influence she was to them. Amanda has truly made a difference as a preschool teacher and as a family services specialist. She advocates for families and empowers them to become their own advocates. Amy Scott, a former preschool teacher at Tryon will be taking over the reins. She comes to us with Head Start family services experience and is a welcomed addition.
- Xan Morse will be retiring at the end of July. She started as a preschool teacher assistant and returned to college to obtain her degree in Early Childhood. She was a valuable teacher and molded many lives in this county. She has been a mentor to new teachers and supported them to become the best they could be for our little ones. She has made a difference in many lives of children and families. Laura Jane Howald will be stepping into the role Xan developed. She comes to us with experience not only as a preschool teacher, but as a Polk County Teacher of the Year. She brings experience to us from a previous county where she was Education Manager for a Head Start organization.