

Preschool Program Monthly Summary September 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	125	125									
*Head Start	80	80									
NC PreK	91	91									
*Other (Title I, Tuition, Exceptional Children)	22	22									

*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	89%	88%									
Tryon Conner	87%	87%									
Tryon Roush	94%	90%									
Tryon Smith	84%	96%									
Tryon Eadus	95%	86%									
Polk Central Crowder	95%	89%									
Polk Central Moore	89%	82%									
Polk Central Burnett	84%	84%									
Sunny View Upton	90%	92%									
Saluda Freck	89%	90%									

All PreK Students Percentage in Attendance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
All Classrooms	92%	90%									
Tryon Conner	85%	79%									
Tryon Roush	96%	91%									
Tryon Smith	84%	94%									
Tryon Eadus	94%	86%									
Polk Central Crowder	96%	88%									
Polk Central Moore	90%	85%									
Polk Central Burnett	90%	89%									
Sunny View Upton	92%	93%									
Saluda Freck	94%	95%									

Family Services

- Families are adjusting to the new school year and children are busy in classrooms with their new friends. Referrals for food, diaper, and clothing pantries, childcare vouchers, and public transportation needs were given to families.
- Teachers have planned field trips to pumpkin patches and apple orchards for program children and families.
- A few new children have been enrolled. Two four year olds who recently applied and two who were identified with special needs and qualified for preschool services.
- Attendance at Tryon Family Literacy Night. Book giveaway and distribution of “Reading Aloud to Children” information for families.
- The Head Start Policy Council monthly meeting was held on September 13, 2023. New members were approved and new officers were elected. The October meeting will be on Wednesday Oct. 11th at noon.
- NCPreK Kids database was created and August attendance was entered for reimbursement.
- September attendance numbers and documentation collected and entered in the databases.
- Attendance at Impact in your neighborhood training on Trauma Resilience and Informed Practices at WNC Asheville. Attendance at Polk LICC Action Team Meeting in collaboration with Polk Community Resource Collaborative.

Support Coach

- Support given to classroom teachers with coverage, delivering supplies, and cleaning closets.
- Support given to teachers with visits to the classrooms to help meet their needs and assist with any concerns about students.
- Outdoor push toys were ordered for each school and some assembly was required before delivery to each school. The kids loved the toy mowers, shopping carts, gardening carts, and baby buggies.

Health and Safety

- Pre-K nurse helped with Dental Screenings with Blue Ridge Dental Bus, there were a total of 111 children seen on the bus.
- The pre-k nurse performed handwashing classes with all the classrooms to help promote healthy practices.
- Pre-k nurse is getting ready to follow-up with families that were identified as needing dental treatment or preventative care from the screening with the Dental Bus.
- Pre-k nurse continues to attend all IEP meetings and MTSS meetings on current children and children transitioning to the school system from the CDSA or parent referrals.

Education

- 100% of classrooms received *weekly*, on-site visits from Health & Safety, Family Services, Support Coach, and Education Services.
- Of our currently enrolled children, 100% have received an initial interaction/home visit during the month of August and/or September (within 45 days of enrollment).
- 100% of children have received a Dial developmental screen who were required to have one.
- Professional Development Update:
 - Beth Archer, our program's Child Care Licensing Consultant, provided a training for all staff on September 28th, to review supervision/ratio best practices, share updates, and answer any licensing questions our classroom and administrative staff had.
 - Andrea Cureton, Training & Technical Assistance (Head Start) will provide a 1-hour training for all staff on the *Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)* on October 16.

Program Management

- Construction on the new preschool wing at Tryon Elementary continues to make great progress. We are now doing plans for the playground and determining the inside colors and furnishings.
- Preparation is underway for our FAQ2 Federal Review by the Office of Head Start. Our last review was in 2021 and we expect the same good outcomes with this one as we prepare.

Meals Served by Polk County Schools Department of Child Nutrition

August	Breakfast	1510
	Lunch	1395
September	Breakfast	2186
	Lunch	2016