

Preschool Program Monthly Summary October 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	127								
*Head Start	80	80	80								
NC PreK	91	91	91								
*Other (Title I, Tuition, Exceptional Children)	22	22	23								

*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%	89%								
Tryon Faltraco	87%	87%	86%								
Tryon Roush	94%	90%	91%								
Tryon Smith	84%	96%	93%								
Tryon Eadus	95%	86%	90%								
Polk Central Crowder	95%	89%	85%								
Polk Central Conner	89%	82%	81%								
Polk Central Burnett	84%	84%	89%								
Sunny View Upton	90%	92%	93%								
Saluda Freck	89%	90%	91%								

All PreK Students Percentage in Attendance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
All Classrooms	92%	90%	89%								
Tryon Faltraco	85%	79%	87%								
Tryon Roush	96%	91%	88%								
Tryon Smith	84%	94%	93%								
Tryon Eadus	94%	86%	91%								
Polk Central Crowder	96%	88%	86%								
Polk Central Conner	90%	85%	85%								
Polk Central Burnett	90%	89%	89%								
Sunny View Upton	92%	93%	93%								
Saluda Freck	94%	95%	90%								

Family Services

- All 9 classrooms attended Fall field trips to pumpkin patches, parks, and an apple orchard. The children especially loved riding on the bus! Many parents, grandparents, and family members joined in on the fun.
- 4 new children have been enrolled.
- Attendance at pumpkin painting family events at Polk Central and Saluda Elementary Schools and Tryon Elementary's Fall Festival and Centennial Celebration.
- The Head Start Policy Council monthly meeting was held on October 11, 2023. The regular November meeting will be on Wednesday November 8th at noon. There will be an additional meeting on November 29th to further prepare for the Head Start Review occurring the week of December 4th. The regular December meeting is canceled.
- Conducted classroom files checks and delivered materials on at-home preschool activities for families.
- October attendance numbers and documentation collected and entered in the databases.
- Attendance at Training and Technical assistance CLASS training with Preschool staff.
- Attendance at Preschool monthly staff meeting, Polk Community Resource Collaborative monthly meeting, Trauma Informed Practice event at PCHS with Cheryl Fuller, Polk County Homeless Coalition meeting, NCASCD virtual conference sessions on Students in Crisis and CLIMB program, NCAEYC Advocacy Circle zoom meeting, and Family Engagement webinar series.

Support Coach

- Support given to classroom teachers with coverage and helped with baby shower for teacher assistant.
- Attend district meeting at high school.
- Support given to teachers with visits to the classrooms to help meet their needs and assist with any concerns about students.
- Support Coach performed ECERS observations in classrooms, gave feedback to teachers, and assisted with improvements to improve scores: made labels for shelving, laminated material, and helped with improving spaces for better scores.
- Assisted with Field Trips to provide extra coverage.
- Attended parent engagement at Polk Central in Mrs. Lindsey Burnett's classroom: snack, painted pumpkins, and socialized with other families. Also, I attended the fall festival at Tryon Elementary.
- Ordered and delivered supplies to the classroom.

Health and Safety

- Pre-k nurse attended Polk Central's field trip to Strawberry Hill to help with ratios and support.
- Pre-k nurse attended the district wide speaker, Cheryl Fuller
- Pre-k nurse attended the monthly staff meeting and performed training for staff on new sanitizer and disinfectant.
- Pre-k nurse attended the School Health Advisory Committee meeting.
- 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, or Education Services.
- All classrooms—except 1—have had an additional ECERS Assessment completed by the Preschool Education Specialist and the Support Coach.
- Four Classrooms (2 at Forbes, 1 at Sunnyview, and 1 at Polk Central) have completed their Fall CLASS observation conducted by the Preschool Education Specialist. Coaching occurring for any area lower than our benchmark.
- 100% of children have received a Dial developmental screen who were required to have one.
- 100% of Leadership Team and ALL Classroom Staff (including a substitute) received *Recognizing and Responding to Suspicions of Child Maltreatment* through Prevent Child Abuse of North Carolina.
- Professional Development Update:
 - Total number of October training hours for all Preschool Staff: 186.5
 - Total number of training hours for all Preschool Staff since August 1st: 559.5
- Preschool Education Specialist attended Polk Central and Tryon's Field Trips to Strawberry Hill for ratios and support.
- New Preschool School Readiness Plan draft created for Policy Council Review. School Readiness Committee to meet in December, 2023; February, 2024; and May, 2024.

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. The review will occur the week of December 4-8, 2023.

Meals Served by Polk County Schools Department of Child Nutrition in October

Breakfast 2320

Lunch 2156