

Preschool Program Monthly Summary December 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	127	126						
*Head Start	80	80	80	80	80						
NC PreK	91	91	91	91	91						
*Other (Title I, Tuition, Exceptional Children)	22	22	23	23	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%	87%	87%						
Tryon Faltraco	87%	87%	86%	77%	76%						
Tryon Roush	94%	90%	91%	83%	81%						
Tryon Smith	84%	96%	93%	95%	95%						
Tryon Eadus	95%	86%	90%	90%	94%						
Polk Central Crowder	95%	89%	85%	88%	85%						
Polk Central Conner	89%	82%	81%	88%	88%						
Polk Central Burnett	84%	84%	89%	91%	83%						
Sunny View Upton	90%	92%	93%	85%	90%						
Saluda Freck	89%	90%	91%	89%	94%						

All PreK Students Percentage in Attendance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
All Classrooms	92%	90%	89%	88%	87%						
Tryon Faltraco	85%	79%	87%	77%	77%						
Tryon Roush	96%	91%	88%	82%	86%						
Tryon Smith	84%	94%	93%	94%	93%						
Tryon Eadus	94%	86%	91%	93%	91%						
Polk Central Crowder	96%	88%	86%	92%	86%						
Polk Central Conner	90%	85%	85%	90%	86%						
Polk Central Burnett	90%	89%	89%	87%	75%						
Sunny View Upton	92%	93%	93%	89%	88%						
Saluda Freck	94%	95%	90%	89%	94%						

Family Services

- Family engagement activities were held at all 4 schools and attendance was great! Families were invited to school classrooms to build small gingerbread houses with their child out of graham crackers and festive candy. A take-home literacy activity was also provided for families to do over the winter break.
- The Head Start Policy Council did not have a regular monthly meeting, however many council members participated in small group discussions as part of the Federal FA2 Review which took place the week of December 4th. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10th at noon.
- Conducted classroom and office file checks in preparation for the HS Review.
- December attendance numbers and documentation was collected and entered in the databases.
- Attendance at Preschool and Central Office staff weekly review preparation meetings.

Support Coach

- Participated in the Head Start Review.
- Covered for LETRS training for new teachers.
- Delivered special treats for all teachers and teacher assistants for the holidays.
- Assisted with parent engagement at Forbes (gingerbread house) and Polk Central (ornament making).
- Delivered supplies and supported teachers in the classroom.

Health and Safety

- All sanitation inspections have been completed at each preschool site. The program did well. New guidelines were discussed and the program is working on how to plan for compliance.
- The PreK nurse has been doing education on prevention of illness as we enter the peak of the flu season. Handwashing activities are continuing in some classrooms.
- Courtney Edney has transferred to the nurse position at the middle school.
- We welcome Renee Souther who transferred from Tryon as our preschool/disabilities nurse.

Education

- 97% of families received a Fall TSG parent-teacher conference to discuss their child's strengths and areas for growth.
- Participated in Head Start review (Week of December 4-8)
- Completed initial Fall 2023 TSG Programmatic Data Analyses.
- Completed Monthly Office File Check for Education
- Monitoring Fall Parent-Teacher Conference Information—entered individual documentation into GoEngage for each child/family.
- New Preschool School Readiness Plan draft created for Policy Council Review. School Readiness Committee to meet in January, 2024; March, 2024; and May, 2024.

Program Management

- NC DCDEE Monitoring visits have been completed. All visits went well.
- Our Head Start FA2 Review was conducted by a team from the Office of Head Start contractors the first week of December. The final report will hopefully be issued by the end of February but at this point we do not know of any areas of concern or deficiencies.
- Exciting to see so much progress on the Tryon Prek wing. It is really going to happen this year - we are moving in!!

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

Breakfast 1174

Lunch 1091