

Preschool Program Monthly Summary September 2024

Enrollment

| | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | March | April | May | |
|--|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----|--|
| Classrooms | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | |
| Total Children Enrolled | 119 | 121 | | | | | | | | | |
| *Head Start | 77 | 77 | | | | | | | | | |
| *NC PreK | 82 | 83 | | | | | | | | | |
| *Other (Title I, Tuition, Exceptional Children) | 8 | 9 | | | | | | | | | |

*Children may be counted in more than one category

Head Start Percentage in Attendance

| | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | March | April | May | |
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| All Classrooms | 94% | 89% | | | | | | | | | |
| Polk Central Burnett | 91% | 91% | | | | | | | | | |
| Polk Central Conner | 96% | 89% | | | | | | | | | |
| Polk Central Crowder | 86% | 82% | | | | | | | | | |
| Saluda Freck | 92% | 90% | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunny View Upton | 96% | 83% | | | | | | | | | |
| Tryon Eadus | 98% | 94% | | | | | | | | | |
| Tryon Faltraco | 97% | 91% | | | | | | | | | |
| Tryon Moore | 94% | 88% | | | | | | | | | |
| Tryon Roush | 98% | 94% | | | | | | | | | |

All PreK Students Percentage in Attendance

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Family Services

- Any participated in a training with GoEngage, the data platform for children and families.
- September attendance numbers and documentation was collected and entered in the databases.
- Any facilitated and attended the Head Start Policy Council meeting.
- Any continues to work with families regarding health assessments, file completion, and social service resources needed in the form of dental bus forms, nutrition resources, and clothing.
- Attended the Region 4 West Cluster virtual meeting for Head Start ERSEA staff.
- Held a Family Cafe at Polk Central Elementary School; the others were postponed due to the hurricane.
- Completed the final DIAL assessment screenings with Spanish-speaking English Language Learners.
- Created and sent out a home family engagement literacy/STEAM activity to all children.

Support Coach

- Covered for new assistant, Harley Johnson at Saluda to go to Forbes to experience a different school routine and setting.
- Covered for lead teacher when no sub was available at Saluda.
- Helped prepare for a school board meeting at the new Forbes building.
- Provided coverage for teachers to assess children using DIAL.
- Ordered and delivered supplies to all schools for teachers and students.

Health and Safety

- Pre-K Nurse continued working on collecting Health Assessments & Immunizations for each enrolled child and making sure they are up to date. Continuing to work on obtaining the last few that are left and working with parents providing information on community resources if needed to get their child's Health Assessments/Immunizations up to date before the 30 day deadline. All should be current at this time, waiting for the last form to be turned in.
- Hearing and Vision Screening were completed on all Pre-K children. There was 1 child who needed a referral for Hearing Evaluation by their Physician and 7 Vision Referrals for complete eye exams. Parents were notified and referral information sent home and parents encouraged to notify Pre-K nurse if they had any issues getting appointments.

- Dental Bus started making its rounds for Pre-K on 9/11/24 with the last day being 9/24/24. In total they provided care for 43 children in all with 32 of those being Head Start children. In addition they found that 21 of the total children needed further treatment and of those 21 children 16 were Head Start Children.
- Started making rounds to each classroom that have medications/health or emergency plans and reviewing with staff and answering any questions that they may have with regards to plans or medications.
- Renee visited Pre-K Classrooms, provided any needed first aid supplies and made sure all medical documents were on site.

Education

- A heartfelt thank-you to our Teachers (and Assistants who were able to participate)--120 Parent-Teacher Initial Interactions were completed since the start of school through September 25. Every family participated!
- 100% of children (new and those without an IEP) received a comprehensive DIAL screening prior to the 45 day deadline on September 25th. Of those,
 - 19 will be monitored through the Fall checkpoint in TSG;
 - 10 will be referred for Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)
- October 4th full-day Teaching Strategies Gold “Inspiring Interactions” training postponed due to hurricane. Have already been in touch with TSG to reschedule for a later date—most likely in the Spring since no additional workdays exist within the Fall calendar.
- September 26th training with Andrea Cureton (CLASS/Pyramid Model) postponed due to hurricane. Next session is October 24th, from 3:15-4:30 p.m. for all Preschool Staff.
- Coordinated site visit with Asheville City Schools Preschool administration (Susanna Smith, ACSP Director; Dr. Marna Holland, Director of Kaleidoscope Play and Learn) for October 8—but will seek alternate visit date(s) for early winter due to hurricane.
- Scheduled all Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale-Revised (ECERS-R) and Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) observation dates and times for all sites/classrooms (October-December, 2024). Each classroom will receive a full ECERS observation/coaching feedback, and CLASS observation/coaching feedback.
- Conducted classroom visits at all sites.
- Began PD planning with Year 3 Curriculum Implementation through TSG. Will seek input (e.g., anonymous survey) from assistants and teachers about their learning interests to guide Year 3 professional development.
- 100% of teachers (and their principals) received our comprehensive, monthly feedback tool within and across programmatic areas. This tool is being implemented by the Preschool Program for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond.
- Provided Dial coverage for teachers to finish/score DIALS by September 25th deadline.
- Attended meetings for MTSS referrals, IEP 30-day follow-up as needed.
- Monitored Lesson Plans, TSG Data Collection...etc.

Program Management

- Tryon Prek is up and running in the new building. What a journey it has been but what a pleasure to see the children in this space. .
- We held our bi-annual NC PreK Meeting on August 28, 2024. Our state consultant was in attendance as well as stakeholders from our community with an interest in early childhood. .
- We are preparing the paperwork for our Fall unannounced compliance visits from NC DCDEE.

Meals Served by Polk County Schools Department of Child Nutrition in September:

Breakfast 1926 Lunch 1904