

## Polk County Schools Preschool: Head Start 5-Year Program Goals (2025-2030)

**PROGRAM GOAL 1: Polk County Schools Preschool Program will be a model preschool program committed to providing excellent care and services to all eligible children and their families.**

Objectives	Expected 5-Year Impact	5 Year Progress, Outcomes, and Challenges By Year				
		2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030
<p>All children and families will receive high quality educational experiences, and children will be healthy and ready to learn.</p>	<p>A. 100% of enrolled children will be supported and engaged in appropriate activities and experiences that promote growth and development within and across all HSELOF domains—in tandem with NC Foundations for Early Learning and Teaching Strategies Gold/Creative Curriculum Objectives.</p>	<p>Consistently performing</p>				
	<p>B. 100% of teachers will provide individualized instruction and support based upon child needs and assessment data.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>				
	<p>C. 100% of children will have completed their well-child checkup and immunizations and</p>	<p>Goal met</p>				
	<p>D. 100% of parents will receive information/education on the importance of meeting this criteria.</p>	<p>Complete</p>				
	<p>E. Our preschool program will help strengthen parent involvement and advocacy in the education setting as demonstrated by collaboration and participation in 100% of home visits, parent/teacher conferences, MTSS meetings, Individualized Education Plans, Kindergarten Transition activities, and family engagement events.</p>	<p>100%</p>				
	<p>F. Maintain our Five-Star Rated License—the highest achievable and continue to adhere to all NCDCDEE Licensing Requirements.</p>	<p>Beginning QRIS Pathway 3</p>				

**PROGRAM GOAL 2: Polk County Schools Preschool Program will ensure that children are ready for success in Kindergarten and beyond.**

Objectives	Expected 5-Year Impact	5 Year Progress, Outcomes, and Challenges By Year				
<p>All children will learn concepts and develop/refine skills in each domain of HSELOF.</p> <p>Children will consistently attend school to maximize the benefits of early childhood education, foundational skills, and experiences they need to succeed in school and beyond.</p> <p>Increased individualized instruction and support for all children.</p>	<p>A. 85% of all enrolled children will be at or above widely-held expectations in all domains of development.</p>	<p>2025-2026 Working towards goal by the end of the 25-26 year. As of February 2026 at least 83% or more enrolled children are meeting or exceeding widely-held expectations in all domains</p>	<p>2026-2027</p>	<p>2027-2028</p>	<p>2028-2029</p>	<p>2029-2030</p>
	<p>B. 80% of enrolled children will have attendance of 80% or greater.</p>	<p>Goal met</p>				
	<p>C. Improved outcomes for children with an identified special need or challenging behavior.</p>	<p>ongoing</p>				

**PROGRAM GOAL 3:** Polk County Schools Preschool Program will maintain a structure of shared governance between the Polk County Board of Education and the Head Start Policy Council. The Polk County Board of Education will comply with Head Start Performance Standards, as well as Federal and North Carolina State cost principle regulations.

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Director and program staff will collaborate with the Polk County Board of Education and Head Start Policy Council on program oversight.	<p>A. Verbal and written reports will be shared at 100% of meetings, and we will maintain a Polk County Schools liaison who communicates between Head Start Policy Council and the Polk County Board of Education.</p> <p>B. 100% of monthly reports will be shared by the Head Start Policy Council and the Polk County Board of Education.</p>	<p>2025-2026</p> <p>Consistently performing</p>	<p>2026-2027</p>	<p>2027-2028</p>	<p>2028-2029</p>	<p>2029-2030</p>



	<p>current preschool teacher and receiving Kindergarten teacher. 100% of teachers will complete a Transition Report (through TSG) for every rising Kindergartner, and this report will be shared electronically with the receiving teacher.</p> <p>E. All sites and classrooms will maintain their 5-star Rated License.</p>	<p>Beginning QRIS Pathway 3 process</p>				
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