



LCPS Early Childhood Programs
Adventures in Preschool
Program Highlights
August 2021



Administration

- **COVID-19 (Coronavirus):** Due to health and safety precautions, Las Cruces Public Schools will be implementing comprehensive safety guidelines. Children and families will continue to receive updates on a regular basis. Details about safety and applicable resources can be found here: www.lcps.net/.
- **Online Preschool Applications:** Families are able to apply for Head Start and/or New Mexico PreK online. Applications are also taken over the phone by early childhood professionals who are able to assist both our English and Spanish-Speaking families. Online applications can be found at [Las Cruces Public Schools Early Childhood Application \(office.com\)](http://Las Cruces Public Schools Early Childhood Application (office.com))
- **Head Start Program Updates:** LCPS Head Start applied for, and was awarded the following funding opportunities. The following were also approved by the Governing Body (LCPS School Board) and Head Start Policy Council:
 - 2021-2022 Continuation Grant
 - Cost of Living Adjustment Grant
 - American Rescue Grant (exempt from Governing Body and Policy Council approval)
 - COVID-19 Funds (exempt from Governing Body and Policy Council approval)
- **August Dates & Happenings**
 - August 3: Staff Return
 - August 6: Teacher Work Days
 - August 9: Virtual Home Visits
 - August 10: Transition Day (offered at multiple times to meet families' needs)
 - August 11: First Day of Class for Preschoolers

Education

- **Summer Enrichment:** In June, LCPS Preschoolers had the opportunity to participate in Summer Enrichment where they participated in hands on learning, outdoor play, learning centers, Kindermusik, Waterford, and more. Meals and snacks were provided.
- **Transition Day:** Transition Day was held on August 10, 2021. Transition is an educational opportunity for families to learn about LCPS Preschool Program offerings and expectations. Families engaged in activities that will help them to understand their child's preschool journey towards kindergarten readiness to include curriculum, assessments, parent involvement opportunities, and more.
- **Educational Curriculum & Learning Resources:** LCPS preschoolers will be learning from research-based programs and materials including:

- Three Cheers for Pre-K: Comprehensive learning curriculum in English and Spanish; this has replaced OWL as the primary preschool curriculum in LCPS.
- Waterford: Web-based literacy & numeracy development, accessible at school and home
- Heggarty: Phonemic and phonological awareness by literacy
- Kindermusik: Music & Literacy
- Kimochis: Social-emotional learning

Parent, Family & Community Engagement

- **Policy Council Opportunity:** Join us! This is a unique opportunity to learn about preschool initiatives, budget, enrollment, while engaging in policy development/approval. Parents and community members who are interested in joining policy council should contact Christy Bustamante at cbustamante@lcp.net.
- **Family Link:** <https://forms.office.com/r/5wzeXfkif4>
 - Please click this link for ANY family who may need help for ANY reason.
 - Typical Referrals: attendance, homeless, medical assistance, access to resources, food, clothing, mental health, parenting, social services, etc.
- **Outreach Resources:** Families are being provided with many resources to help with needs. A comprehensive list of resources can be found at www.newmexicokids.org.

Health, Safety & Nutrition

- **Handwashing and Safe Distancing:** Families are encouraged to follow safe handwashing and distancing guidelines during this time. For additional information, please visit www.cdc.gov.
- **Tooth brushing:** We are still encouraging tooth brushing. Each child should have a take home kit, and access to instructions and modeling.
- **Child Abuse and Neglect:** Staff members have received training, and are required to follow reporting guidelines.
- **Safety Guidelines:** For safety purposes, please follow all protocols issued by the New Mexico Department of Health. More information can be found on the LCPS website.

Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, Attendance (ERSEA)

Number of Children Enrolled by Program					
Preschool Programs	Head Start	Head Start	Title I	Title I	NM PreK
Age based on entry into program	3 year -olds	4 year-olds	3 year -olds	4 year-olds	4 year-olds
Elementary School Sites					
Alameda	0	0	0	0	18
B. T. Washington	26(1)	33(2)	4	8	8
Cesar Chavez	17(3)	48(3)	4	3	17 (1)
Conlee	10(3)	0	2	0	
Desert Hills	0	0	0	0	15 (3)
Doña Ana	0	17(2)	0	0	13(2)
East Picacho	0	0	0	0	

Hermosa Heights	1(2)	17	0	0	12(2)
Highland	0	0	0	0	18
Hillrise	0	0	0	0	13(1)
Jornada	10(2)	0	3	0	50 (2)
Loma Heights	0	10	0	0	
MacArthur	6	10	0	0	
Mesilla	7(1)	8	0	0	14
Mesilla Park	4	14	0	0	
Monte Vista	0	0	0	0	
Sonoma	0	0	0	0	
Tombaugh	2	11(1)	0	4	
University Hills	5	17	0	0	15(1)
Valley View	9	19	0	3	16(1)
White Sands	0	0	0	0	7(1)
Total Enrolled	97	204	0	0	
Total Accepted	12	8	13	18	

Application and Status			
	Head Start 3 year olds	Head Start 4 year olds	NM PreK 4 year olds
Pending Applications			
Pending or Incomplete	96	55	
Not Applicable	7	4	
Total	103	59	
Reason Withdrawn from Program			
Covid-19	1	1	
No Transportation			
Day Care			
Pre-K Program		1	
Conflict with Schedules			
Moved Out of Town			
Parent Request	1		
Unable to Contact		1	
Absent			
Total	2	3	
Waitlist by Home School	4	7	
Alameda	0	0	
Booker T. Washington	5	4	
Cesar Chavez	6	4	
<i>Columbia (Jornada)</i>	0	0	
Conlee	4	0	
Desert Hills	0	0	
Doña Ana	0	13	
East Picacho	0	0	
Hermosa Heights	2	3	
Highland	0	0	
Hillrise	0	0	

Jornada	16	0	
Loma Heights	2	4	
MacArthur	2	5	
Mesilla	2	2	
Mesilla Park	2	0	
Monte Vista	0	0	
Sonoma	0	0	
Tombaugh	3	3	
University Hills	4	1	
Valley View	1	2	
White Sands		0	
Total	53	48	
Over Income			
Under 30% of Poverty Income	8	3	
Over 30% of Poverty Income	45	45	
Total	53	48	
Total Applications	158	110	

Early Childhood Monthly Attendance Average

**Note: Due to factors related to COVID-19, attendance averages may vary.*

BTW 3A	72 %
BTW 3B	67 %
BTW 4A	85 %
BTW 4B	95 %
BTW 4C	90 %
BTW 4D	88 %
CC 3A	76 %
CC 3B	72 %
CC 4A	86 %
CC 4B	78 %
CC 4C	89 %
CC 4D	75 %
CC 4E	80 %
Conlee	85 %
Doña Ana	79 %
Hermosa Heights	74 %
Jornada	86 %
Loma Heights	92 %
MacArthur	81 %
Mesilla	69 %
Mesilla Park	89 %
Tombaugh	95 %
University Hills 3/4	83 %
University Hills 4	77 %
Valley View ¾	84 %
Valley View 4	82 %

Head Start Nutrition Update: Meals and Snacks

Breakfast	Lunch	Snack
3,159	3,157	3,124

Head Start Fiscal Update: Financial Report

Budget	Function	Expense	Monthly Expenditures
Teacher Classroom Supplies	1000	General supplies & materials	\$13,290
Parent Engagement Assistants & Facilitators	2100	Policy Council General Supplies for PEAs and Facilitators	\$0 \$1,243
Office & Administration	2200	General Supplies and Materials	\$4,107
Facilities & Maintenance	2600	Utilities and Electricity Gas Credit Card	\$8,400 \$0
			\$27,040

Head Start Program Instructions and Memoranda

**The items listed below are the most recently posted and distributed to Head Start grantees.*

Program Instructions:

[Office of Head Start \(OHS\) Expectations for Head Start Programs in Program Year \(PY\) 2021–2022](#)

Log Number: ACF-PI-HS-21-04 | **Issuance Date:** 05/20/2021

[FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Funding Increase for Head Start Programs](#)

Log Number: ACF-PI-HS-21-03 | **Issuance Date:** 05/04/2021

Information Memoranda:

[Terminology Changes](#)

Log Number: ACF-IM-HS-21-04 | **Issuance Date:** 07-28-2021

[Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2022 Monitoring Process for Head Start and Early Head Start Grantees](#)

Log Number: ACF-IM-HS-21-03 | **Issuance Date:** 07-27-2021

**LCPS Preschool Photos and Snap Shots
Learning Adventures and Kindermusik!**



