



**LCPS Early Childhood Programs**  
**Adventures in Preschool**  
**Program Highlights**  
**October 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/](http://www.lcps.net/).
- **Preschool Openings:** 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://LasCrucesPublicSchoolsEarlyChildhoodApplication.office.com)
- **Professional Development Opportunities:** Teachers, educational assistants, and administrators have received multiple opportunities to participate in trainings and workshops throughout the Fall semester. Workshops covered topics such as
  - Practice-Based Coaching
  - CPR Training
  - Active Supervision
  - Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS)
- **Self-Assessment:** The Annual Self-Assessment Process started in October. This is an opportunity for all preschool stakeholders to provide feedback about LCPS Preschool Programs for the purpose of program goal setting and improvement.
- **October Dates & Happenings:**
  - October 14-15: Fall Break
  - October 21: Policy Council
  - October 21: Family Social with Kindermusik “Look Outside”
  - October 1-31: Field Trips to the Corn Maze

## Education

As a Preschool community, we aim to ensure that the safety, cognitive, and social-emotional needs of our students and their families are met through a variety of engagement initiatives. The items with an asterisk (\*) are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Some of these initiatives include:

- Field Trips
- School-Based Activities (festivals, fairs, programs)
- Class Canvas Platform\*
- LCPS Early Childhood Platform\* <https://sites.google.com/view/lcps-early-childhood/home>

## Parent, Family & Community Engagement

- **Enrichment Opportunities:** We strive to provide families with information to various community events to promote Parent, Family and Community Engagement. Some of the events that families engaged in this month were Pumpkin Palooza and Circle of Security.
- **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.

## Health, Safety & Nutrition

- **Wash Your Hands:** According to the CDC, the single best way to prevent flu is to get a flu vaccine every year. Good health and hygiene, such as washing hands and covering a cough or sneeze, can also help prevent germs, including viruses like influenza, from spreading.
- **Oral Health:** Oral health is important! Resources for oral hygiene are being sent to families.
- **Nutrition:** Families who need help with food and nutritional resources are able to get a complete listing of community-based resources from their classroom staff.

## Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, Attendance

Number of Children Enrolled (Accepted) by Program					
Preschool Programs	Head Start	Head Start	Title I	Title I	NM PreK
Age	3 year -olds	4 year-olds	3 year -olds	4 year-olds	4 year-olds
Elementary School Sites					
Alameda					18
B. T. Washington	31	32	2	8	6
Cesar Chavez	28 (1)	54 (2)	4	3	20(2)
Conlee	15	0	3	0	0
Desert Hills	0	0	0	0	16
Doña Ana	0	19	0	0	15(1)
East Picacho	0	0	0	0	0
Hermosa Heights	5 (2)	16	0	0	16
Highland	0	0	0	0	18
Hillrise	0	0	0	0	17
Jornada	14	0	3	0	53 (1)
Loma Heights	0	13 (1)	0	0	0
MacArthur	7	10	0	0	0
Mesilla	10	8	0	0	14
Mesilla Park	4	14	0	0	0
Monte Vista	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	0	0	0	0	0
Tombaugh	2	12	0	4	16
University Hills	13	18	0	0	0
Valley View	8	18	0	3	17
White Sands	0	0	0	0	8
<b>Total Enrolled</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Total Accepted</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Application and Status</b>			
	<b>Head Start 3Y</b>	<b>Head Start 4Y</b>	<b>NMPK 4Y</b>
<b>Pending Applications</b>			
Pending or Incomplete	77	27	0
Not Applicable	0	0	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>27</b>	
<b>Reason Withdrawn from Program</b>			
Covid-19	8	10	3
No Transportation	0	0	3
Day Care	2	12	5
Pre-K Program	2	9	30
Conflict with Schedules	0	1	0
Moved Out of Town	5	5	3
Parent Request	3	2	17
Unable to Contact	7	5	8
Absent	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>69</b>
<b>Waitlist by Home School</b>			
Alameda	0	0	7
Booker T. Washington	3	6	0
Cesar Chavez	3	4	0
<i>Columbia (Jornada)</i>	0	0	0
Conlee	2	2	0
Desert Hills	0	0	4
Doña Ana	2	8	0
East Picacho	0	0	0
Hermosa Heights	0	3	0
Highland	0	0	2
Hillrise	0	0	1
Jornada	10	5	0
Loma Heights	3	3	0
MacArthur	2	2	0
Mesilla	2	1	0
Mesilla Park	3	0	0
Monte Vista	0	0	0
Sonoma	0	0	0
Tombaugh	3	3	2
University Hills	2	2	0
Valley View	0	2	0
White Sands	0	0	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Over Income</b>			
Under 30% of Poverty Income	7	2	
Over 30% of Poverty Income	32	3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>354</b>

## Early Childhood Monthly Attendance Average

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

BTW 3A	82%
BTW 3B	82%
BTW 4A	83%
BTW 4B	93%
BTW 4C	90 %
BTW 4D	91 %
CC 3A	89 %
CC 3B	89 %
CC 4A	87 %
CC 4B	65 %
CC 4C	89 %
CC 4D	80 %
CC 4E	85 %
Conlee	80 %
Doña Ana	80 %
Hermosa Heights	66 %
Jornada	86 %
Loma Heights	89 %
MacArthur	90 %
Mesilla	79 %
Mesilla Park	90 %
Tombaugh	90 %
University Hills 3/4	83 %
University Hills 4	66 %
Valley View 3/4	85 %
Valley View 4	86 %

### Head Start Nutrition Update: Meals and Snacks

Breakfast	Lunch	Snack
4,395	4,399	4,339

### Head Start Fiscal Update: Financial Report

Budget	Function	Expense	Monthly Expenditures
Teacher Classroom Supplies	1000	General Supplies & Materials	\$41,199.
		Field Trips	\$2,834.
Parent Engagement Assistants & Specialists	2100	General Supplies for PEAs and Specialists	\$509.
Office & Administration	2200	No Expenses	\$0.
Facilities & Maintenance	2600	Gas Credit Card	\$0.
		Vehicle Maintenance	\$806.
Land Improvements	4000	Shade Structures (MP & BTW)	\$106,097.
			<b>\$151,445</b>

## Head Start Program Instructions and Memoranda

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

### **Program Instructions:**

[Supporting the Wellness of All Staff in the Head Start Workforce](#)

**Log Number:** ACF-IM-HS-21-05 | **Issuance Date:** 09-27-2021

### **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](#)

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## LCPS Preschool Photos and Snap Shots!





