



LCPS Early Childhood Programs Adventures in Preschool Program Highlights September 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))
- **September Dates & Happenings**
 - September 6: Labor Day; no school
 - September 9: Policy Council Meeting
 - September 17: Parent Teacher Conference Day (some conferences were also scheduled on other dates and times)
 - September 22: Family Social with Kindermusik
 - September 27: CPR & First Aid training for staff

Education

- **Parent Teacher Conferences:** Families engaged in opportunities to learn about how children are doing and ways to set goals together.
- **Field Trips:** Classes are scheduling learning experiences beyond the classroom. Stay tuned!
- **Educational Curriculum & Learning Resources:** LCPS preschoolers are 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

- **Family Socializations:** Join us for our Family Engagement opportunities with Kindermusik, Roxanna Holguin and Friends! Families get the opportunity to sing, dance, make, and take! See your classroom staff for more details. Here is the fall schedule:
 - Thursday, September 22 @ 5:30 - “Marvelous Me”
 - Thursday, October 21 @ 5:30 - “Look Outside”
 - Thursday, November 18 @ 5:30 - “Taking Care”
 - Thursday, December 9 @ 5:30 – “Everyday Helpers”
- **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@lcps.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.

Health, Safety & Nutrition

Handwashing is Important!

Preschool classes are offered handwashing demonstrations upon request. 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. The best practices for washing hands are:

- Wet your hands with clean, running water turn off the tap, and apply soap.
- Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Rinse hands well under clean, running water.



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	28(3)	31(1)	2	8	8
Cesar Chavez	24(2)	53(3)	4	3	20
Conlee	13	0	3	0	0
Desert Hills	0	0	0	0	17 (1)
Doña Ana	0	19(1)	0	0	14(1)
East Picacho	0	0	0	0	
Hermosa Heights	2(5)	14(4)	0	0	16 (1)
Highland	0	0	0	0	18
Hillrise	0	0	0	0	16(1)
Jornada	12(2)	0	3	0	51 (1)
Loma Heights	0	11(2)	0	0	0
MacArthur	7	10	0	0	0
Mesilla	8	8(1)	0	0	14
Mesilla Park	3	15	0	0	0
Monte Vista	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	0	0	0	0	0
Tombaugh	3	11	0	4	16
University Hills	10	17	0	0	0
Valley View	10	18	0	3	17
White Sands	0	0	0	0	8
Total Enrolled	120	208	0	0	
Total Accepted	12	12	12	18	

Application and Status			
	Head Start 3 year olds	Head Start 4 year olds	NM PreK 4 year olds
Pending Applications			
Pending or Incomplete	123	100	0
Not Applicable	8	4	0
Total	131	104	
Reason Withdrawn			
Covid-19	1	3	3
No Transportation			3
Day Care			4
Pre-K Program		2	28
Conflict with Schedules			0
Moved Out of Town		1	2
Parent Request	1	3	15
Unable to Contact		1	6
Absent			0
Total	2	10	
Waitlist by Home School			
Alameda	0	0	7
Booker T. Washington	4	6	0
Cesar Chavez	5	3	0
<i>Columbia (Jornada)</i>	0	0	0
Conlee	2	0	0
Desert Hills	0	0	4
Doña Ana	0	13	0
East Picacho	0	0	0
Hermosa Heights	2	1	0
Highland	0	0	2
Hillrise	0	0	1
Jornada	14	0	0
Loma Heights	3	3	0
MacArthur	3	3	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	3	2	0
Valley View		1	0
White Sands		0	6
Total	55	36	21
Over Income			
Under 30% of Poverty	8	5	
Over 30% of Poverty	45	45	
Total	53	50	451
Total Applications	361	439	

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	80 %
BTW 4D	91 %
CC 3A	86 %
CC 3B	89 %
CC 4A	90 %
CC 4B	78 %
CC 4C	89 %
CC 4D	84 %
CC 4E	91 %
Conlee	77 %
Doña Ana	85 %
Hermosa Heights	75 %
Jornada	86 %
Loma Heights	83 %
MacArthur	76 %
Mesilla	86 %
Mesilla Park	90 %
Tombaugh	86 %
University Hills 3/4	81 %
University Hills 4	66 %
Valley View ¾	84 %
Valley View 4	76 %

Head Start Nutrition Update: Meals and Snacks

Breakfast	Lunch	Snack
4,616	4,624	4,619

Head Start Fiscal Update: Financial Report

Budget	Function	Expense	Monthly Expenditures
Teacher Classroom Supplies	1000	General supplies & materials	\$2,517
		Professional Development	\$2,340
Parent Engagement Assistants & Facilitators	2100	General Supplies for PEAs and Facilitators	\$4,995
		Professional Development	\$1,260
Office & Administration	2200	General Supplies and Materials	\$0
Facilities & Maintenance	2600	Gas Credit Card	\$0
			\$11,112

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](#)

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

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LCPS Preschool Photos and Snap Shots PumpkinPalooza!



