



LCPS Early Childhood Programs Adventures in Preschool Program Highlights

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/.
- **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.
- **Practice-Based Coaching:** Preschool teachers are participating in Practice Based Coaching (PBC). PBC is a cyclical process for supporting teachers' implementation of evidence-based teaching practices in the areas of literacy, social emotional learning, and multi-lingual WIDA principles that lead to positive learning outcomes for our district's youngest children. Teachers and coaches work together in developing short-term goals and action planning, focused observations, reflection, and feedback throughout the instructional year. Four Early Childhood Instructional Coaches (ECICs) deliver coaching in collaboration from LCPS NM PreK, LCPS Head Start and our partners at Central Region Educational Cooperative (CREC). To access the Menu of Practices implemented, visit [Menu of Practices.pdf: NM Preschool Teacher Support \(instructure.com\)](#).

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. PFCE Team is working in collaboration with the Children’s Reading Alliance and Fathers Moving Forward to offer engagement opportunities in the Spring.
- **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, materials and tips for oral hygiene is being sent home with 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 (ERSEA)

Number of Children Enrolled (Accepted) 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					18
B. T. Washington	30(1)	33	2	8	5
Cesar Chavez	28(1)	59	4	3	22
Conlee	14(1)	0	3	0	0
Desert Hills	0	0	0	0	17(1)
Doña Ana	0	19	0	0	18
East Picacho	0	0	0	0	0
Hermosa Heights	7	15(1)	0	0	16
Highland	0	0	0	0	18
Hillrise	0	0	0	0	16
Jornada	14	0	3	0	55
Loma Heights	0	15	0	0	0
MacArthur	8	11	0	0	0
Mesilla	9	8	0	0	15

Mesilla Park	4	14	0	0	0
Monte Vista	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	0	0	0	0	0
Tombaugh	3	12	0	4	16
University Hills	12	19(1)	0	0	0
Valley View	8	19	0	3	18(2)
White Sands	0	0	0	0	8
Total Enrolled	137	223	12	18	242
Total Accepted	3	3	12	18	3

Application and Status			
	Head Start 3 year olds	Head Start 4 year olds	NM PreK 4 year olds
Pending Applications			
Pending or Incomplete	94	24	0
Not Applicable	0	0	34
Total	94	24	34
Reason Withdrawn from Program			
Covid-19	8	10	3
No Transportation	0	0	4
Day Care	2	12	5
Pre-K Program	2	10	33
Conflict with Schedules	0	1	0
Moved Out of Town	7	8	5
Parent Request	4	3	18
Unable to Contact	7	5	9
Absent	0	0	1
Total	30	49	78
Waitlist by Home School			
Alameda	0	0	7
Booker T. Washington	3	7	1
Cesar Chavez	3	4	2
<i>Columbia (Jornada)</i>	0	0	0
Conlee	2	2	0
Desert Hills	0	0	4
Doña Ana	2	8	1
East Picacho	0	0	0
Hermosa Heights	0	3	0
Highland	0	0	2
Hillrise	0	0	0
Jornada	11	5	1
Loma Heights	3	3	0
MacArthur	2	3	0
Mesilla	2	1	2

Mesilla Park	3	0	0
Monte Vista	0	0	0
Sonoma	0	0	0
Tombaugh	5	3	2
University Hills	2	2	0
Valley View	0	2	1
White Sands	0	0	6
Total	38	43	25
Over Income			
Under 30% of Poverty Income	6	12	
Over 30% of Poverty Income	31	41	
Total	37	53	
Total Applications	351	413	

Early Childhood Monthly Attendance Average

BTW 3A	68%
BTW 3B	69%
BTW 4A	83%
BTW 4B	77%
BTW 4C	82 %
BTW 4D	75 %
CC 3A	91 %
CC 3B	89 %
CC 4A	84 %
CC 4B	83 %
CC 4C	83 %
CC 4D	81 %
CC 4E	85 %
Conlee	87 %
Doña Ana	62%
Hermosa Heights	85 %
Jornada	85%
Loma Heights	85 %
MacArthur	78 %
Mesilla	78 %
Mesilla Park	86 %
Tombaugh	89 %
University Hills 3/4	82 %
University Hills 4	74 %
Valley View	72 %
Valley View 4	82 %

Head Start Nutrition Update: Meals and Snacks		
Breakfast	Lunch	Snack
3,039	3,039	3,036

Head Start Fiscal Update: Financial Report

Budget	Function	Expense	Monthly Expenditures
Teacher Classroom Supplies	1000	General supplies & materials	\$216.
Parent Engagement Assistants & Specialists	2100	General Supplies for PEAs and Specialists	\$180.
Office & Administration	2200	NHSA Membership	\$910.
Facilities & Maintenance	2600	Gas Credit Card Water Fountains	\$0. \$21,438.
			\$22,744.

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](#)

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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!

