

Early Childhood Program

Annual Report

Poudre School District 2018-19

Early Childhood Program Overview

Mission: We exist for our community's most vulnerable families. We ensure that all our enrolled children are ready for and will be successful in kindergarten.

Vision: We empower our community's eligible children and families to build a foundation for learning, as measured by their readiness for kindergarten and beyond.



Serving families that are expecting the birth of a child and children from birth to kindergarten, Poudre School District's Early Childhood Education Department (PSD ECE) uses multiple funding sources to provide critical educational services across the District and Larimer County. Services include family and child education; developmental and health screenings; health, mental health, and dental services; interventions for children with identified needs; home visits; family support, including follow-up for chronic absence; socialization events; and parenting classes.

Age groups served and funding include:

- Expecting families and their prenatal children
- Early Head Start families, ages 0-3 years
- Colorado Preschool Program families, ages 3-5 years
- Integrated Services families, ages 3-5 years
- Head Start families, ages 3-5 years
- Tuition-based families, ages 3-5 years



Locations

Preschool programs are in 20 of PSD's elementary schools and five community day care and education centers within the Poudre School District's 1,800 square mile catchment area. Early Head Start home visiting occurs across Larimer County, and includes a small number of slots at a community day care and education center. These locations give families flexibility based on their needs.

Costs/Availability

We offer a multitude of options, depending on your family's unique qualifying factors:

- Free weekly home visits with to promote family engagement and child development for pregnant women and families with children less than three years of age.
- A limited number of half-day, four-day-per-week Pre-K tuition spaces (Go online to view tuition rates, subject to change)
- Unlimited no-cost Pre-K spaces for children who qualify for special education services
- Full- and half-day no-cost Pre-K spaces for families that meet admission criteria

Pre-K Transportation

- Transportation is available based on many criteria. Please visit the PSD Transportation webpage at www.psdschools.org/programs-services/transportation to learn more about transportation eligibility.
- Children with IEPs may qualify, based upon their disability. Families who meet one or more of the federal definitions for homelessness may also qualify for transportation or reimbursement for transportation.



The ECE Program offers many classes, workshops, and opportunities for parents, including:

Car Seat Safety classes

Positive Solutions for Families classes

First Aid and CPR classes

Parent and Child Together (PACT) events

Male Engagement events

Complimentary family memberships to the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery

Complimentary library cards

Policy Council meetings

Parent governance opportunities in schools and centers

Achievement Data & Kindergarten Readiness

The PSD ECE Program uses Teaching Strategies GOLD (TS GOLD) as its assessment tool. TS GOLD aligns to the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Outcomes Framework and Colorado Academic Preschool Standards (CAS) for preschool. Instructional staff, including home visitors, use this tool throughout the school year to assess children's growth and report assessment outcomes three times annually to the Colorado Department of Education.



All Students in Early Head Start by Domain

Domain	Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
Social Emotional	95%
Physical	91%
Language	94%
Cognitive	98%
Literacy	96%
Mathematics	89%
Number of Students	104

All Students in Pre-K by Domain

Domain	Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
Social Emotional	82%
Physical	88%
Language	79%
Spanish Language	92%
Cognitive	82%
Literacy	79%
Spanish Literacy	96%
Mathematics	79%
Number of Students	1,031

Only Head Start Students by Domain

Domain	Meeting or Exceeding Expectations
Social Emotional	87%
Physical	92%
Language	84%
Spanish Language	87%
Cognitive	88%
Literacy	86%
Spanish Literacy	93%
Mathematics	83%
Number of Students	341



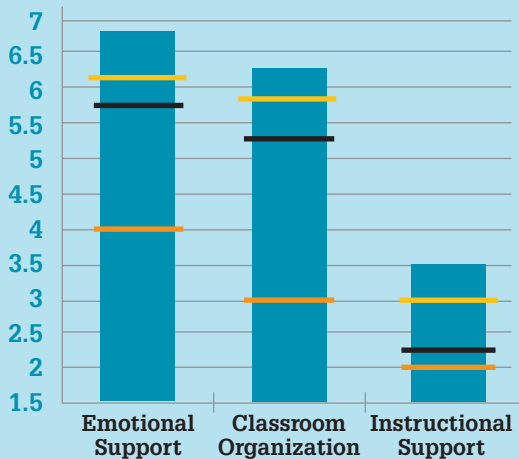
Kindergarten Transitions

Preparing Early Childhood Students and Families for Kindergarten Transitions

- PSD ECE holds a Be-Ready Fair with community organizations around Larimer County to support families with the transition to kindergarten.
- PSD ECE shares child assessment information with receiving schools when children transition to kindergarten.
- PSD ECE uses its kindergarten transition booklet during home visits and in consultation with families to guide them through the kindergarten transition process.
- PSD ECE participates in District transition information sharing events, including those for children who are learning English in addition to other languages, and children with developmental or identified needs.
- PSD ECE's Policy Council offers presentations and information-sharing opportunities to assist parents in learning about kindergarten transition.

The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)

■ Spring 2018 — 2018 National Mean Scores
 — 2018 National Lowest 10%
 — Re-competition Level



Classroom Assessment Scoring System reports were provided by Clayton Early Learning. The purpose of the PSD program's annual outside CLASS assessment of all classrooms during the Spring of 2019 was to monitor the quality of instruction and assist in creating the professional development plan for the coming year. Since identifying Instructional Support as area for improvement, the program has seen an incremental increase in this domain. All domain averages exceed the average for preschool programs nationwide.

Total Amount Federal, Public and Private Funds Received

2019 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)

Federal Funds:

USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program \$48,987.00

State and Local Public Funds (General Fund):

Colorado Preschool Program	1,164,817.00
Integrated Services - Preschool	1,112,269.00
Mill Levy - 2000	161,440.00
Mill Levy - 2010	100,000.00
Preschool Operations	187,405.00

Total State and Local Public Funds 2,725,931.00

Private Funds:

Oral Health Grants	15,000.00
Preschool Tuition	190,659.00
Other Funds	660.00

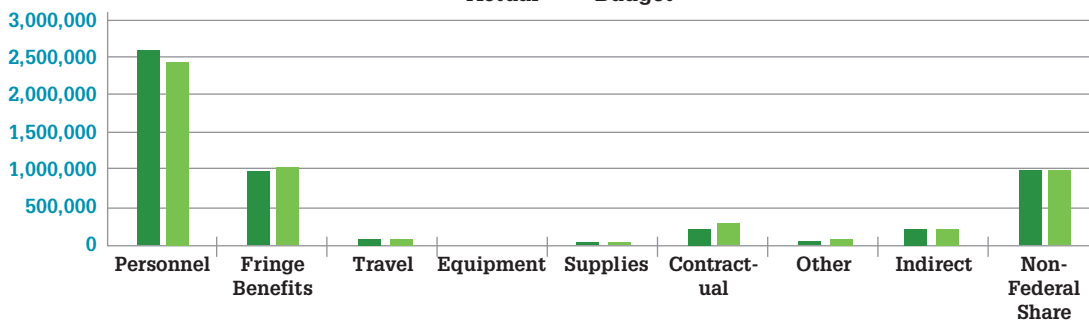
Total Private Funds 206,319.00

Head Start and Early Head Start Grants

2019 Grant Year (November 1, 2018 to October 31, 2019)

By Category/Approved Budget

■ Actual ■ Budget



Results of Audits and Reviews

Results of the Most Recent Financial Audit (Single Audit)

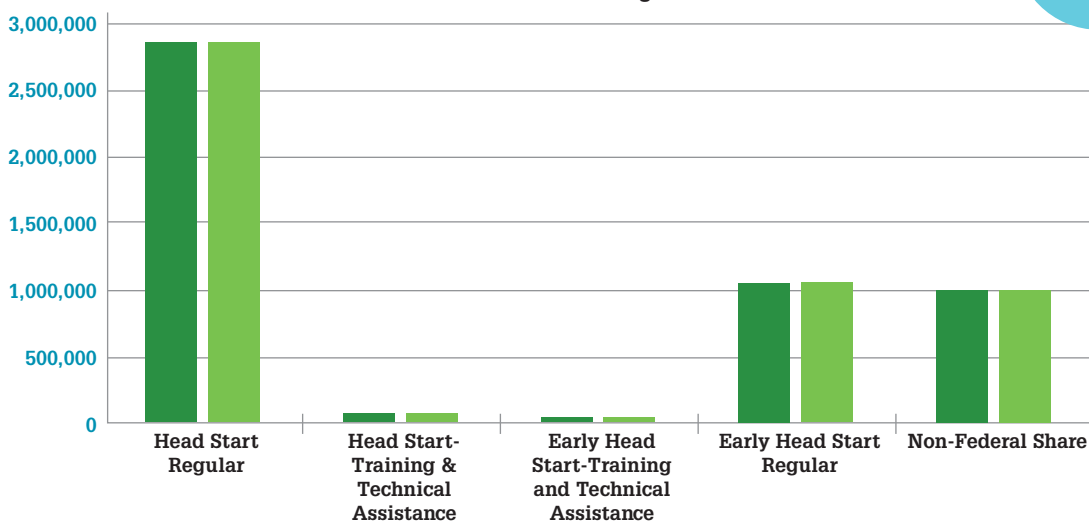
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP conducted the most recent financial audit and Single Audit for Poudre School District for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2019. No findings were reported.

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Total Number of Children and Families Served by PSD ECE

The total numbers below represent all children who received early childhood services for any period of time during the 2018-2019 School year.

Total Served – Pre-K and EHS – **1,141**

All Pre-K served – **999**

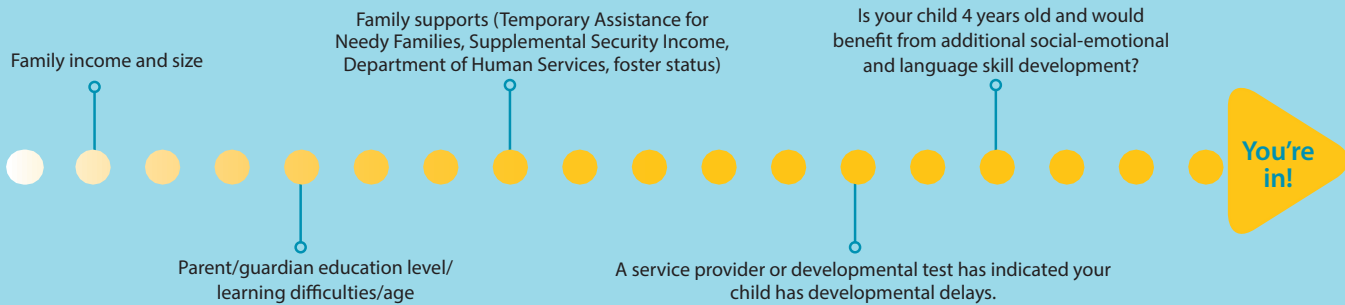
HS Pre-K served – **303**

EHS Served – **142**

• Average monthly enrollment percentage for HS and EHS is **100%**

Eligible Children and Families Served by PSD ECE

The eligibility arrow graphic below shows how we use eligibility factors to enroll families of young children for free early childhood services. Families eligible for Early Head Start and Head Start may have factors such as having an income below the Federal poverty guidelines, receiving public assistance such as TANF or SSI, and being doubled up or homeless. Foster children are eligible regardless of their foster family's income.



Each year across Larimer County, the estimated number of eligible children less than 5 years old is 1,964 with 408 eligible pregnant women. Each year there are 1,080 eligible children within the PSD catchment area.

Percentages of eligible children served:

- Total number of slots for EHS: **108**
Percentage of EHS eligible served: **5.6%**
- Total number of slots for HS: **275**
Percentage of HS eligible served: **25%**
- Total number of slots for Pre-K: **1,001**
Percentage of eligible Pre-K children in all funded sources served: **55%**
- Percentage of HS/EHS children that received medical and dental:
 - Medical Exams – **95%**
 - Dental Exams – **95%**
- Family Mentor Community Referrals given: **2,170**
- Early Head Start home visits completed: **2,450**
- Early Head Start Prenatal home visits completed: **411**
- Head Start home visits completed: **1,315**



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