



Office of Early Childhood

General Education Preschool Programming Update

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Embrace Opportunities!!....Unlock Potential!!....Inspire Excellence!!



Overview

- Early Childhood Vision, Mission & Preschool Expectations
- Programming & Sites
- What is High Quality Preschool Programming?
- 2019-2020 Forward Look
- Recruitment & Transition



Trenton Public School District

District Vision

High quality instruction for ALL students



District Mission

All Students will graduate with a vision for their future, motivated to learn continually and prepared to succeed in their choice of college or career.





Office of Early Childhood

Vision:

Work to prepare and support each child to learn in a developmentally appropriate manner, which is respectful of his/her individual worth.



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Preschool Teaching and Learning Expectations

- Create a diverse, inclusive environment, respectful of student's individual worth.
- Encourage every child to attain behaviors, skills, and strategies to be successful in his/her educational and career future.



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Preschool Programming

- Trenton Public School District offers a free residential choice general education preschool program at 34 contracted provider locations.
- The New Jersey Department of Education, Early Childhood Program Aid (ECPA) funds classrooms managed by the Trenton Public School District's Office of Early Childhood (N.J. 6A:13A)





Current Preschool Locations

- Community Provider Classrooms=139
- Community Provider Preschool Sites= **34**

Total Enrollment Population= 2,100 students



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What is High Quality Preschool Programming?



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Current EC Outlined Staff

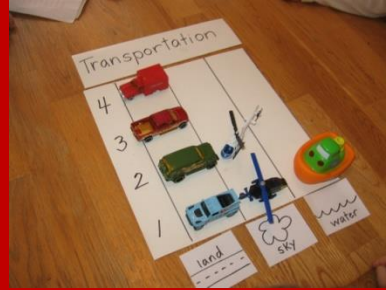
- Early Childhood Administrators= 3
- Teaching Liaisons (TL's)= 10
- Preschool Intervention & Referral Team Members (P.I.R.T.) = 9
- Community Parent Involvement Specialist = 1
- Compliance Specialist = 1
- Early Childhood Secretary= 1
- Senior Management Information Specialist=1
- Preschool Directors-34
- Teachers= 139
- Teacher Assistants= 139
- Provider Clerical Workers= 24
- Custodians/Private Cleaning Services =22
- Food Service Workers= 22
- Medical Supports= Nursing Services
- Floaters Teacher Assistants= 38
- Family Workers= 457



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The Creative Curriculum



- As per, the New Jersey Department of Education, The Creative Curriculum for Preschool provides a comprehensive, research based curriculum that features exploration and discovery as a way of learning aligned to the state standards.
- The curriculum also ties to an observation-based assessment portfolio system to support student growth.

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2019-2020 EC Office Supports



- Provide embedded coaching and support by the Teaching Liaisons through the Reflective Coaching Process, Critical Friends Work Groups, Peer to Peer Work Groups and PLC's
- Imbedded coaching tied to Teaching Pyramid Observation Tool & Social Emotional Development
- Weekly Instructional Support Plan Development
- Lesson Plan Review and Feedback
- Ongoing Professional Development in targeted areas (Weekly, Monthly & Quarterly)
- Articles Study Implementation & Shadowing Opportunities
- Professional Development offered by Curriculum Developers – Teaching Strategies Inc.



2019-2020 Forward Look

- Expansion of Preschool Programming
- Continued opportunities for Inclusion Enrollment at Various Contracted Provider Locations
- Continued Recruitment and Outreach to Inform Community of High Quality Opportunities
- Transition Supports tied to understanding students, registration, district advertisement, visit opportunities, professional learning, parental feedback via surveys and enrichment





2018-2019 Kindergarten Entry



- Current Enrolled Kindergarten Population= **1,154**
- Preschoolers who Transitioned from Early Childhood Preschool Programming = **849**
- Preschoolers who are New Residents, Relocated or Charter/Private School Enrolled = **305**



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Transition & Outreach

Supporting Transition to Kindergarten

- Grade K Registration Supports (January 2019)
- Provider Transition Visits (May-June 2019)
- Grade Pre K to K Enrichment Sharing (June 2019)
- Preschool Intervention & Referral Team Transition Elementary School Visits (September-October 2019)
- Teaching Liaison Elementary School Visits (September-October 2019)
- Pre K Transition Portfolio Organization and Dissemination (**Organization**-June 2019 & **Dissemination** September-October 2018)





Transition Portfolio Elements

Rising Preschool Student Documentation- Managed in the Teaching Strategy Gold Online System

- Student Informational Cover Sheet
- Home Language Survey Data
- Alphabet Knowledge
- Evidence of Number Concepts
- Identification and Description of Shapes
- Family Conference Forms
- Authentic Student Writing Samples





Professional Learning

- Grow New Jersey Kids Quality Assessment Guidance
- Transitional Sessions with Guidance Counselors & Grade K Teachers
- Parent Informational Sessions for entering and rising parents or guardians of preschool children
- 2019-2020 New Jersey Principal & Supervisor Association (NJPSA) Leadership Institute Recipient - Nicholson Foundation Grant- **5 Elementary Teams Accepted**



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Thank you for the opportunity
to share the preschool update!!



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