




ANNUAL REPORT

ACADIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD HEAD START PROGRAM

2022-2023



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INTRODUCTION

This is the annual report of the Acadia Parish Head Start Program which is made public as a requirement of the Head Start Act (section 644(a)(2)). This report includes eight (8) required elements:

- (A) The total amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source;
- (B) An explanation of budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for the fiscal year;
- (C) The total number of children and families served, the average monthly enrollment (as a percentage of funded enrollment), and the percentage of eligible children served;
- (D) The results of the most recent review by the Secretary and the financial audit;
- (E) The percentage of enrolled children that received medical and dental exams;
- (F) Information about parent involvement activities;
- (G) The agency's efforts to prepare children for kindergarten; and
- (H) Any other information required by the Secretary.



ACADIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD (BOARD MEMBERS)

DISTRICT 1
JAMES ETTA DAVID

DISTRICT 2
DOUGLAS J. LACOMBE

DISTRICT 3
DELO HEBERT

DISTRICT 4
REBECCA FOUX-ATKINSON

DISTRICT 5
STEVE JONES

DISTRICT 6
IKE RICHARD

DISTRICT 7
JAMES HIGGINBOTHAM

DISTRICT 8
MILTON R. SIMAR

ACADIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD (POLICY COUNCIL)

CHURCH POINT	ESTHERWOOD	RAYNE	ROSS
PARENT REPRESENTTTIVES/ ALTERNATES			
BRASHALON BABINEAUX	HARLI BROUSSARD <i>Treasurer</i>	ERIC JOLIVETTE <i>Chairperson</i>	NUMANDA DOUGLAS
YOLANDA HAGGER	MEREDITH FULKERSON		MELANIE HARDY
ROCHELLE KELLY			VANDRIA MARTIN
			AYANNA ROBINSON
COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES			

RACHAEL CLAYTON
Vice Chairperson

JAMES ETTA DAVID

KRISTY JOHNSON
Secretary

CASSIDY KONDERT

BRIAN MOUTON
Parliamentarian

PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIVED

ACADIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

FUNDS AWARDED:

LAP
T/TA
Non-Federal Share
CACFP
COVID
American Rescue

DEPARTMENT OF HEAD START

2022-2023 FY Ending 06/30/2023
\$3,099,965
\$37,607.00
\$762,256
\$371,002.73 FY Ending 09/30/2023
\$35,079
\$433,154

FUNDS EXPENDED:

LAP
T/TA
Non-Federal Share
CACFP
COVID
American Rescue

2022-2023 FY Ending 06/30/2023
\$3,099,965
\$37,473.12 (\$133.88)
\$762,256
\$273,166.60
\$35,076.41
\$185,692.27

The funds awarded for 2022-2023 (FY22-23) included an increase of \$68,409 in COLA. Teachers Retirement (24.80%) LA School Employees Retirement (27.6%), Indirect Cost (6.4822%) and Medicare (1.45%).

IN-KIND/ NON-FEDERAL SHARE

2022-2023 IN-KIND REPORT

ACADIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD HEAD START PROGRAM

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2022 – 2023 PROGRAM YEAR

PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITY:	\$762,256.00
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TOTAL INKIND :	\$762,328.00
OVERAGE:	-\$72.00

STAFFING 2022-2023

STAFF POSITIONS/ CREDENTIALS	HSCO	ROSS	RAYNE	CHURCH POINT	ESTHERWOOD	TOTAL
HEAD START DIR: I—MA	1					1
SPECIALIST: 4-BA	4					4
BOOKKEEPER: I— CERT	1					1
PROGRAM SECRETARY: I- CERT	1					1
HSCO RECEPTIONIST: I- HSD						1
SITE SUPERVISOR: 3—BA		1	1	1		3
HEAD TEACHER: I--BA					1	1
TEACHER: 12—BA; I-BS; AA—5		10	4	5		19
TEACHER ASSISTANT: BA—I; BS—I; AA—4; CDA—I I; HSD—3		9	5	5	1	20
CHILD CARE ASST: HSD—2		1	1	1		3
OFFICE ASST II		1				1
OFFICE ASST I			1	1		2
FAMILY ADVOCATE: BA-2; CERT—2; HSD—2		2**	2	2		6
CAFETERIA MANAGER		1	1			2
CAFETERIA TECH		2	1	2		5
CUSTODIAN – FT		1	1	1		3
CUSTODIAN – PT	1					1
BUS DRIVER		1	1	1		3
TOTAL PAID STAFF	8	29	18	19	2	76

NOTE: **Family Advocate at a center travels to another center during the week to provide services.

SITE LOCATIONS

LOCATION/ ENROLLMENT COUNT	ADDRESS/ TELEPHONE
AP CHURCH POINT HEAD START Enrollment Count: 90	693 North Main Street Church Point, Louisiana 70525 (337) 684-2031
AP ESTHERWOOD HEAD START Enrollment Count: 17	214 Jefferson Avenue Estherwood, Louisiana 70534 (337) 783-6884
AP ROSS HEAD START Enrollment Count: 186	800 North Western Avenue Crowley, Louisiana 70526 (337) 783-6377
AP RAYNE HEAD START Enrollment Count: 94	600 Jefferson Davis Rayne, Louisiana 70578 (337) 334-4909
HSCO HEAD START CENTRAL OFFICE	800 North Western Avenue Crowley, Louisiana 70526 (337) 783-6377

ATTENDANCE

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE		
MONTH	ENROLLMENT	ATTENDANCE
September	291	85%
October	304	79%
November	300	79%
December	300	82%
January	307	80%
February	307	82%
March	307	78%
April	307	79%
May	307	77%
YOUR FUNDED ENROLLMENT:		387

HEALTH/ MENTAL HEALTH/ NUTRITION

CHILDREN'S HEALTH—EXAM RESULTS 2022-2023

CENTER	ENROLLED	DENTALS COMPLETE	PHYSICALS COMPLETE	VISION COMPLETE	HEARING COMPLETE
Ross	149	105	122	138	132
Rayne	93	92	93	93	93
Church Point	54	37	42	47	47
Estherwood	17	16	17	14	14
TOTAL	313	250	374	292	286

CHILDREN'S NUTRITION – EXAM RESULTS 2022-2023

CENTER	BMI \leq 95% OVERWEIGHT	BMI \leq 85% OVERWEIGHT	BMI \geq 5% UNDERWEIGHT	SPECIAL DIET
Ross	33	23	11	5
Rayne	19	15	5	6
Church Point	10	4	6	2
Estherwood	3	1	3	3
TOTAL	65	43	25	16

MENTAL HEALTH: The ASEBA instrument was used to compile a behavioral assessment and profile on each child. Classroom observations were completed by a mental health consultant on children with suspected concerns. Of the 313 enrolled students, the consultant met with parents/guardians of 12 students about their child's behavior/ mental health.



PROGRAM ASSESSMENT & REVIEW

SELF-ASSESSMENT 2022-2023: A self-assessment was conducted on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 through Thursday, February 9, 2023, which is a regular activity on the program's calendar. The team was composed of persons from Head Start and the Acadia Parish community.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES & TRAINING SCHEDULE

POLICY COUNCIL: Acadia Parish School Board Head Start Program has established rules and procedures to have an active Policy Council that participates in decision making for the program. There are 10 (ten) parents on the 15 member Council or 67%, more than the Federal requirement of 51%.

PARENT COMMITTEES: Each center establishes a Parent Committee that elects Policy Council Parent Representatives and Parent Committee officers. Committees meet monthly and receive training at each meeting and receiving information on activities within the center as well as participating in decisions on activities.

MALE INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES: Each center hosted a specific day during the fall and spring, which focused on training for “Fathers” or significant male role models who interacts with the children. The fall activity at each center had a “Halloween” theme while the spring activity related to Easter.

PARENT TRAINEES: The Acadia Parish Head Start Program has continued the program that offers opportunities for parents to apply to train in a specific entry-level area of the work force. The positions include Child Care Assistant, Cafeteria Assistant or Custodial Assistant. Parents receive a training stipend to offset employment expenses. Over the past nine (9) years, the program has hired nine (9) parents who have trained in the program.

PARENT TRAINING SCHEDULE

PRESENTER	TOPIC	MONTH
Site Supervisor	Parent Orientation	August
Kahree Wahid	Parliamentary Procedures	September
Designee	Role of Fathers—Fatherhood Engagement	October/ April
Designee	Breast Cancer Awareness	October
United Way	Tax Preparation	January

(PARENT TRAINING SCHEDULE continued)

PRESENTER	TOPIC	MONTH
Designee/ Dentist	Dental Health	February
Designee	Summer Safety Tips	May
LSU Ag Center	Nutritious Meals on a Budget	Ongoing
Family Advocate	Helping Your Child In School	Ongoing
Family Advocate	Resume/ Job Application	Ongoing
Psychologist	Behavior Management	Ongoing
Designee	Literacy/ Library Visit	Ongoing



TRANSITION

SCHOOL READINESS: GETTING HEAD START CHILDREN READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

The Acadia Parish School Board Head Start Program is dedicated to providing a system of education and support to ensure that all students are kindergarten ready. Although the program has implemented an aligned curriculum and observation-based assessment system, the focus remains on the development of the child as a whole. The Acadia Parish School Board Head Start Program staffed with highly qualified teachers who vetted through our hiring process. In order to be employed as a teacher, individuals must have at least a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood.

The Acadia Parish Head Start Program has purchased the Creative Curriculum for Preschool by Teaching Strategies, which is a Tier I curriculum. Student progress monitored and measured three (3) times a year using Teaching Strategies Gold. The curriculum and assessment tools aligned to satisfy National and State Standards for children from birth to five-years-old.

The educational process cannot happen without a proper support system. The Acadia Parish School Board Head Start Program maintains partnerships and contracts with multiple agencies and companies to provide services to our students. Children and families provided access to dental screenings, physicals, mental health consultants, speech therapists, and more. The program recognizes that mental and physical health are vital for student success.

Head Start Central Office provides information to parents on how to prepare their children for Kindergarten through the following avenues: (1) Question/ Answer session with Head Start Director or designee during February Parent Committee Meeting; and (2) Parent newsletter, "Parents Makes a Difference." Parents are also encouraged to visit the Kindergarten school.

Finally, Head Start strives to highlight and encourage parent participation and inclusion in all aspects of its program. It is widely accepted that active and engaged parents who are equipped with the necessary tools help to further prepare child/family for Kindergarten. Head Start believes that the education of a child must not begin and end with the school day.