




Preschool Service Delivery

2019-2020



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Priority #1

Continue to provide high quality preschool opportunities for students. Meeting both the academic and social/emotional needs of all students

Priority #2

Stay fiscally responsible and maximize our resources in the form of both Voluntary Preschool grant funding as well as staff

Priority #3

Meet the needs of our families,
regardless of income and
regardless of attendance area

Current PS service delivery

- 175 students in our preschools in 9 preschool classrooms (including off site)
- Approximately 200 applicants
- Nearly 50 applicants for NBE
- Lottery style selection in the spring
- All sites have waiting lists
- Increasing number of Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) students to serve in all sites

Current PS service delivery (continued)

- Voluntary (free) portion from 8:15 to 11:30 AM Monday through Friday (identified as the academic time)
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 11:30 AM to 3:15 PM Enterprise preschool (tuition of \$2850)
- Any number of students leave at 11:30 AM, ranging from 5 to 10 students
- Support staff, including special education and classroom associate have 35.5 hours a week plus full benefits
- Monthly professional development with entire preschool staff (GWAEA, PLC, associates) on Wednesday afternoon

Priority #1: Continue to provide high quality preschool opportunities

- Highly qualified and dedicated teaching staff including support staff
- Creative Curriculum
- Teaching Strategies Gold
- Second Step
- Jolly Phonics
- GWAEA PD around Math, Literacy, PBIS
- Continue ECSE integration
- Desk audit



Priority #2: Maximize Resources/Fiscally responsible

- Currently running a deficit in our enterprise preschool
- Currently have excess in Voluntary funds
- Students leaving at 11:15 AM with more staff than IQPPS ratios would suggest
- Essentially doubling our ability (not likely) the number of preschoolers



Priority #3: Meet the needs of families

- Allow for bussing (common request from families)
- Educate our preschoolers in the building they will most likely attend kindergarten
- Eliminates the haves/have nots inherent in our current model
- Affordable for all. Able to provide preschool at NO cost for qualifying preschoolers by age



2019-2020 Proposal (3 years in the making)

Discussion points:

- Data inconclusive showing full day or partial being better
- Statistically speaking, some preschool is significantly better than no preschool
- Anecdotally, preschool in the building he/she has kindergarten has proven to be more successful
- Transportation and Enterprise preschool increasingly missing the target population the grant intended

2019-2020 Proposal

- Offer AM and PM classes, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Hours 8:15-11:15 for AM and 12:15-3:15 for PM (follow school calendar)
- No charge (to qualifying students)
- Full integration from ECSE students (growing population)
- Able to serve students in the preferred attendance center***
- Transportation provided*** (Voluntary funds). Details not finalized.

2019-2020 Proposal

- Offering 12 hours of free preschool (10 minimum) currently providing 15
- Allows for the opportunity to serve more students (anticipate more students in smaller sections. One classroom could serve up to 30 total students, in sections of 15)
- No longer concerns about leaving open spots for ECSE population
- Wednesdays will still be an opportunity for PLC work, PD with GWAEA staff

2019-2020 Proposal (shared concerns)

- Current support staff will have four, 8 hour days for a total of 32 hours. Full time benefits. (available Wednesdays as necessary or to be utilized in other functions). Currently, M, T, Th, F 7.5 hours and Wednesday 5.5 for a total of 35.5
- Bussing: Pick-up and drop-off to be determined. Homes, neighborhood stops, licensed DHS daycares
- Daycare is a concern. Space permitted, partner to provide wrap-around at Clear Creek Elementary, Amana Elementary and Oak Hill (NBE and TES not likely)
- No shortage of work for the district. Opens up opportunities for additional hours on Wednesdays

2019-2020 Commitments

The 2019-2020 Preschool:

- Allows for continued, high quality, preschool service delivery
- Fiscally responsible
- Addresses continued concerns parents have shared through the years
- Will be evaluated for effectiveness, as we do for all students, at all sites, preschool through 12th grade

Questions, comments concerns?



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