

Oak Ridge Schools' Preschool 2019-2020 Annual Report

Mission Statement

The mission of the Oak Ridge Schools' Preschool Program is to provide all children with opportunities that prepare them for success in school and life.

Vision

Oak Ridge Schools' Preschool: Where families and staff work together to prepare children for success as life-long learners.

What We Believe

At the Oak Ridge Schools' Preschool Head Start Program we provide a high quality learning environment for children identified at risk. We believe that all children have the capacity to learn and it is our goal to meet the unique and individual needs of each child and their family through developmentally appropriate programming and active family partnerships. We provide language-based full inclusion classrooms where teachers are highly qualified and provide programming to "light the fire" of learning in preschoolers while supporting families to take an important role in their child's education.

Who We Are

For over 40 years, Oak Ridge Schools' Head Start Program has provided a high quality preschool education to children and families in Oak Ridge. We are an integral part of Oak Ridge Schools which allows for continuity of learning, family services and support. We have a blended funding program that uses Head Start, Title I, Pre-K and special education dollars.

What Makes Us Different:

Full inclusion classrooms with culturally diverse populations, Developmentally appropriate, language rich program for 200 three and four year olds, Tennessee Certified Early Childhood Educators in all 12 classrooms, Highly Qualified Teachers and Teacher Assistants, Developmental, Vision, Hearing, Speech and Language screenings, On site Special Ed. services including Speech, Language, Occupational and Physical therapy, School Psychologist and Inclusion Specialist, Bilingual Family Services, Free school bus transportation home from the program, Gym and playground time that builds gross and fine motor skills through dance, music and sport activities.

Special Programs for Kids:

Literacy Enrichment programs that include Language and Literacy enhancement, Food for Kids program (free snacks on weekends for those in need), Classroom volunteers, Safe Kids of Greater East Tennessee and East Tennessee Children's Hospital

Partnering with the Community for Families:

Corporate and Civic Sponsorships, Legal Clinics, Money Management Y12 FCU Workshops, Thanksgiving Baskets, Angel Tree (Christmas), Altrusa Women's Club & Lyons Club of Oak Ridge, UT Agriculture and Nutrition Extension, TORCH

We Involve Families!

Parent volunteers in the classrooms, Fall Family Night and Open House Week of the Young Child Activities, Dad's Night Out, Family Night (at the public library, and in the park) Parent Education Events, Altrusa International sponsored Family Nights, Literacy Nights

The Oak Ridge Schools' Preschool uses Creative Curriculum with local goals and objectives aligned with national, state and local LEA curricula.

- * Students are formally assessed using TS Gold Assessment throughout the year. The assessment areas are: Social/Emotional, Language, Literacy, Mathematics, Cognitive and Physical.
- * Benchmark assessments are conducted quarterly.
- * Assessment information is analyzed and discussed in collaborative teams and staff meetings to drive student learning.

2019-2020 Numbers and What They Mean

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| 118 - Children funded by Head Start | 99% - Students up-to-date on immunizations & health exams |
| 93- Children funded by other funding sources including Special Education, Title 1, and Voluntary Pre-K | 65% - Students receiving dental preventive treatment and exams including fluoride and cleaning |
| 118 - Average monthly Head Start enrollment (Prior to closure) | 32 - Children with a diagnosed disability |
| 126 - Head Start children served during the school year | 0% Increase in poverty in the community served (based on free lunch eligibility from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020) |
| 100% - Eligible children served | 12 - Classrooms |
| 120 - Head Start families served | Head Start children were placed in 9 of our Preschool classrooms with Title 1, State Pre-K, and Special Education children |
| 73 - single parent families | 45 - Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Special Services, Family Support, and Administration |
| 29 - families with head of household unemployed | 100% - Teachers State-Certified in Early Childhood; three are also certified in Early Childhood Special Education |
| 18 - families without a high school diploma | |
| 52% - Head Start families with 1 or both parents/guardians unemployed during the 2019-2020 school year. | |
| 27 - Hispanic Head Start children | |
| 14 - Former or current Head Start parents employed with Oak Ridge Schools' Preschool | |

Financial and Personnel Information

More than 90% of our Head Start Grant goes to Personnel.

We have 12 Classrooms and a staff of 45.

Teachers:

Certified BS = 1

Certified MS = 6

Certified EdS = 5

Teacher Assistants:

BS = 2

AA = 2

CDA = 7

At the start of the 19-20 School year, all Teacher Assistants either had a degree, CDA, or are in school to obtain one or the other.

We are required to obtain 25% non-federal match on our Head Start Grant. During 2019-2020 our non-federal share total was \$249,237.27

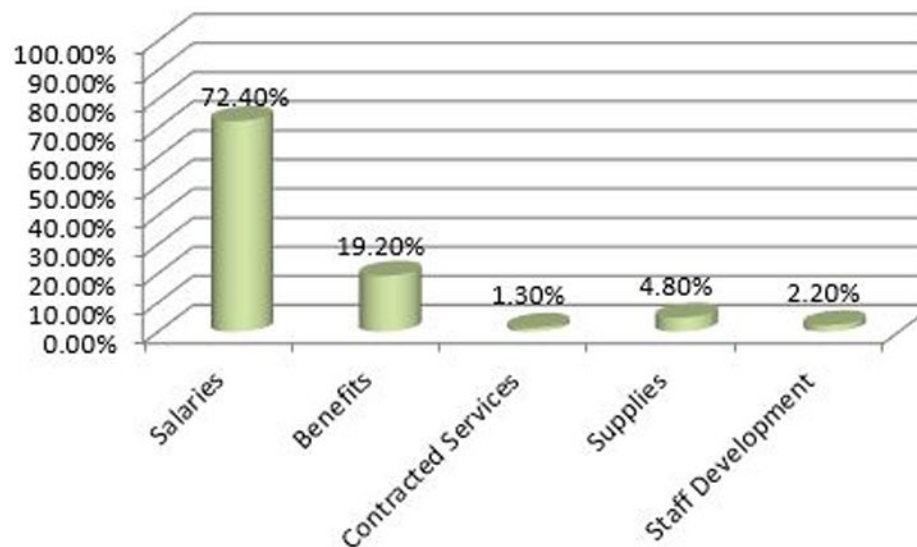
The ORS Preschool received the following:

\$452,097.98 from Title I Grant

\$29,961.00 from IDEA Preschool Grant

\$460,771.37 from State Pre-K Grant

2019-2020 Head Start Grant - \$827,137.00



2020-2021 Proposed Budget:

Personnel \$608,043

Benefits \$185,218

Travel \$ 500

Supplies \$ 7,900

Staff Dev. \$ 9,796

Contracted Services \$ 11,000

There were no audit findings relative to federal awards presented in the most recent audit (FY ending June 30, 2019).

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