

Santa Rosa County School District Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Monthly Report for the month of October 2012

Submitted to the School Board

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PROGRAM DESIGN & MANAGEMENT

Policy Council Meeting Summary

- The Policy Council met on October 16, 2012. The topics of discussion included: Parliamentary procedures, parental involvement, the 2013-2014 comprehensive grant application, and the annual Turkey Trot celebration. The next meeting will be held November 9, 2012 at T. R. Jackson Pre-K School.

Fiscal

- The comprehensive Continuation Grant and T/TA plan, which is a section of the grant, will be presented for approval at the November School Board Meeting.
- Classroom computers, printers, furniture, manipulative, art and science supplies for all Head Start classrooms have been ordered.

ERSEA (Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment & Attendance)

- As of October 31, 2012, the Santa Rosa County District Schools Head Start/EHS Program reported “full” funded enrollment to the Region IV Program office.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES

Education

- Head Start and Early Head Start Instructional Personnel and Child Development Associates began assessing students with Galileo. Early Head Start assesses students in five (5) domains and Head Start assesses students in eleven (11) domains of learning. All four-year-old students were assessed with the Department of Education VPK assessment as well. Galileo is an on-going assessment and the VPK assessment is administered three (3) times per year.
- All Head Start Service Areas shared information at the Curriculum, Assessment, and Planning (CAP) Meeting. Readiness Goals were shared with Instructional Personnel, Child Development Associates, and staff. Head Start requires that every Head Start Program write Readiness Goals that align with the Head Start Child Development Early Learning Framework (HSCDELF), State Standards, and Local Education Agencies. Readiness Goals must be implemented and assessed at each observational period; October, January, and May. The progress in meeting these goals is documented and reported to Head Start at the end of each observational period

Student and Family Services (Health, Dental, Nutrition, & Safety)

- Head Start teachers continue to complete a weekly Student Consumption/Intake sheet which helps to monitor and track specific foods that students seem to enjoy and consume. The Food Service Manager and the Student and Family Services Area will share the results of these reports with our School District Food Service Contractor, Sodexo.
- On November 6th, Head Start/EHS staff will participate in a CPR/First Aid/AED training class.
- By November 16th, the program will have met the 90-day compliance standards for providing dentals services to all enrolled students.

Social/Emotional Development (Mental Health)/ESE/Disabilities

- Referrals for students with developmental concerns are being reviewed for additional services. Prompt identification of developmental concerns will assist in providing needed services to students prior to entering Kindergarten.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- The Turkey Trot Committee has begun making plans for Turkey Trot day. Turkey Trot is an annual event for students, parents, and community to come together and enjoy a fun-filled day. Turkey Trot is scheduled for Friday, November 16.
- Two Head Start staff members have been designated to participate in the District’s Bridges out of Poverty Initiative. These staff members are responsible for attending meetings and sharing pertinent information to the staff.