

Ascension Parish Head Start

2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The total amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source:

- Public funds received from ACF: \$1,829,419
- Private funds received: \$0

An explanation of budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for the fiscal year:

The APSB (Ascension Parish School Board) finance department completes a monthly review of the actual expenditures vs. what was budgeted. This information is shared with the director, Policy Council, and the School Board regularly.

Annual and COLA

Category	Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining
Personnel	1,189,839	1,262,956	(73,117)
Fringe Benefits	556,394	513,870	42,524
Contractual	10,000	0	10,000
Travel	21,548	16,513	5,035
Supplies	33,063	20,580	12,483
Other	18,575	15,500	3,075
In-Kind	444,108	444,108	0
TOTAL	2,273,527	2,273,527	0

American Rescue Plan – Fund 166

Category	Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining
Personnel	45,516	32,615	12,901
Fringe Benefits	21,392	13,750	7,642
Contractual	5,000	0	5,000
Travel	0	0	0
Supplies	208,334	115,055	93,279
Other	20,080	10,104	9,976
In-Kind	0	0	0
TOTAL	300,322	171,524	128,798

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations

Category	Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining
Personnel	0	0	0
Fringe Benefits	0	0	0
Contractual	0	0	0
Travel	0	0	0
Supplies	75,543	43,178	32,365
Other	0	0	0
In-Kind	0	0	0
TOTAL	75,543	43,178	32,365

The total number of children and families served, the average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment), and the percentage of eligible children served:

- Number of Children Served: 268
- Number of Families Served: 250
- Average Monthly Enrollment Percentage: 89%
- Percentage of Eligible Children Served: 92%

The results of the most recent review by the Secretary and financial audit:

- There has been no recent review by the Secretary.
- The Ascension Parish School Board conducts an annual audit of all their programs. This report is available for review at the Ascension Parish School Board office and is also available on the APSB website.

The percentage of enrolled children that received medical and dental exams:

- Medical: 99.6% (previously 98%)
- Dental: 96.8% (previously 98%)

Information about parent involvement activities:

Parent Orientation/Virtual Training:

- General information – Parent Handbook
- General Health Information – Common Illness Signs and Symptoms
- General Screening Information – hearing, vision, physicals, dentals, developmental and social/emotional
- Dental health training
- Infection Control training
- First Aid training
- Policy Council pamphlet
- Family Partnership Agreement pamphlet

Open House/Information Provided

- Pedestrian/Transportation Training
- Curriculum
- Teaching Strategies Gold
- Child development
- Referral process
- Health (physicals, dentals, immunizations)
- Attendance policies

Field Trips

- Strawberry Patch, Baton Rouge Zoo, Local Airport, Kids Cove Park, Rouses' Supermarket, Ag Magic, BREC Bluebonnet Swamp and Nature Center, Ascension Parish Library, Little Bambinos, Louisiana Nursery, Bayou Country Children's Museum, Blue Zoo, West Baton Rouge Museum, Prairieville Fire Station, Cabela's, Landry Poche Strawberry Patch, Rotolo's Pizza, Knock-Knock Museum

Additional Parental Involvement Activities (some held virtually)

- Community Resource Fair/Mardi Gras Parade
- Fall Fest
- Literacy and Math Night

- Thanksgiving celebration and activities
- Book fair
- Parent nutrition Meeting
- Budgeting Meeting
- Health Services Advisory meeting
- Policy Council meetings
- Center committee meetings
- Child growth and development training
- Open house
- Home visits
- Parent/teacher conferences
- Conscious Discipline Parenting Meetings
- Christian Crusade from New Song (coats)
- Donated Christmas gifts from St. Francis of Assisi
- Pat's Coats for Kids
- Budgeting and taxes parent training
- Polar Express
- End of year celebrations
- Transitional activities/meetings
- Nutrition class
- Community Easter Egg Hunt
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- Literacy Night
- Black History Celebration
- Fatherhood Initiative program
- Kite Day
- Thanksgiving Parade

The agency's efforts to prepare children for kindergarten:

- Head Start teachers utilized the Louisiana Birth to Five Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS), the Head Start Learning Outcomes Framework (ELOF), Frog Street curriculum, and Teaching Strategies Gold to develop high quality instruction that meets the needs of each student and prepare them for kindergarten readiness.
- Head Start staff utilized the Conscious Discipline framework to build social/emotional skills needed to be kindergarten ready.
- A transitional meeting was held to prepare families for their child's next grade level.
- Transitional Activities were provided for the students to visit the classrooms/school for their next grade level.
- Head Start programs Self-Assessment training

The agency's efforts to prepare children for kindergarten:

- ASQ trainings and referral process trainings
- CLASS individual trainings via My Teachstone
- Child safety and wellness

- Frog Street curriculum
- Teaching Strategies Gold documentation
- Teaching Strategies Gold Interrater Reliability
- My Teachstone teacher training support
- ECKLC training videos
- Conscious Discipline Trainings for Ascension Head Start teachers and paras on a weekly basis
- Conscious Discipline Trainings for all Pre-K paras in the district for Staff Development
- Multicultural and Diversity Training