



**Pittsburgh
Public Schools**



The Pathway to the Promise.™

Early Childhood Education

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The Story of Malaysia



Early Head Start Program

From Birth to 3 years old

- Serves children of the teen parents at:
Allderdice, Brashear, University Preparatory
School at Milliones and Westinghouse
- Two classrooms at Crescent
- Home visiting
- Partnerships with child care agencies
- Total of 134 children served
- Funded by Head Start Federal funds

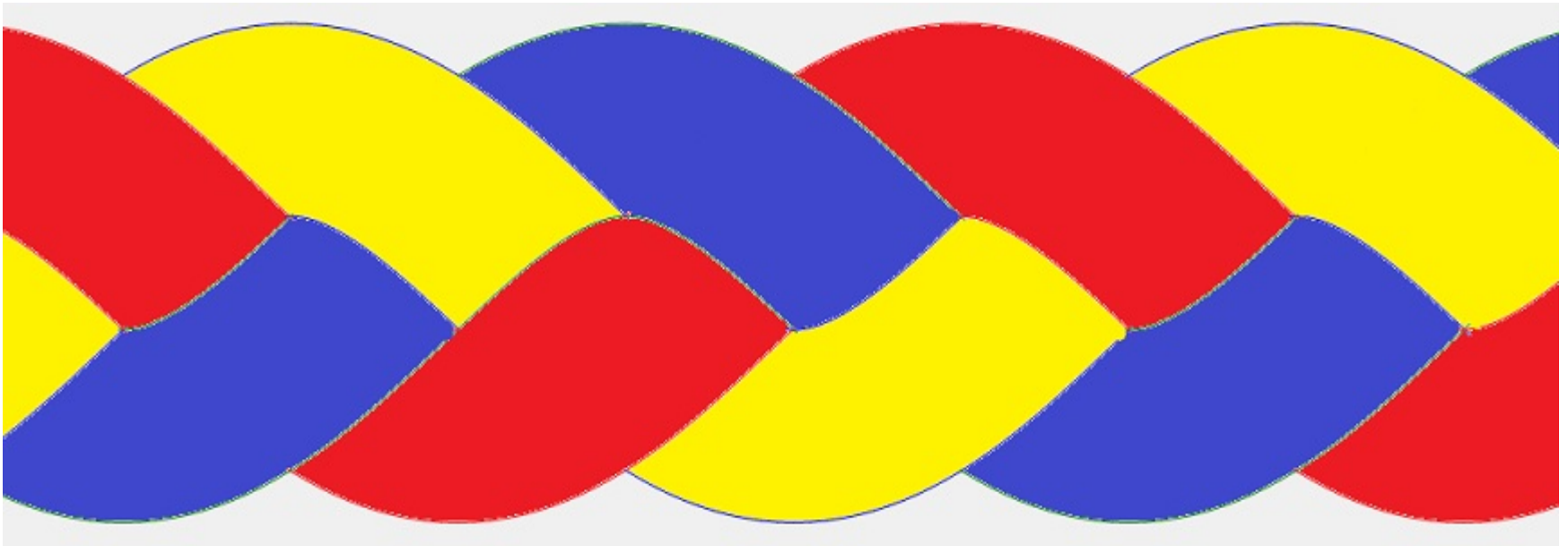
Once Malaysia is 3 years old she will go into one of our Early Childhood (EC) classrooms.

- **Head Start** up to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level
- **PreK Counts** up to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level
- **Tuition** over 300% of the federal Poverty Level

Serves 2,076 children - 3-5 year olds in 86 classrooms & 16 child care partnership programs



Braided Funding



The District's programs follow the highest standards.

- **Federal** - Head Start Performance Standards
- **State** - Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL)
- **Local** - School District, City, County

Federal Head Start Requirements

- Performance Standards:
 - Annual Report (on-line)
 - <http://www.pps.k12.pa.us/Page/691>
 - Community Assessment (every 3 years)
 - Program Information Report (annually)
 - Self Assessment (annually)

Keystone STARS

Keystone STARS - Improving the quality through:

- **Standards**
- **Training/Professional Development**
- **Assistance,**
- **Resources and**
- **Support**



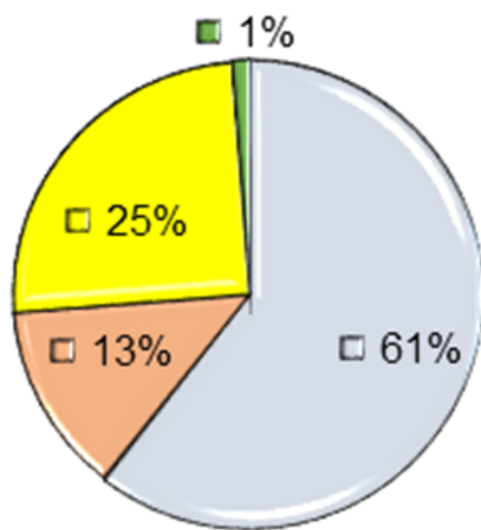
If Malaysia needs Early Intervention (EI) services, she can get them in our classrooms.

- Early Intervention serves 1,600 children with special needs - 3-5 years old
- Served in EC classrooms, reverse inclusion classrooms, child care or home

Funded by: State EI funds, Federal IDEA and Medical Assistance



**Pittsburgh Public Schools
Early Childhood Education Department
2015-16 Child Count***

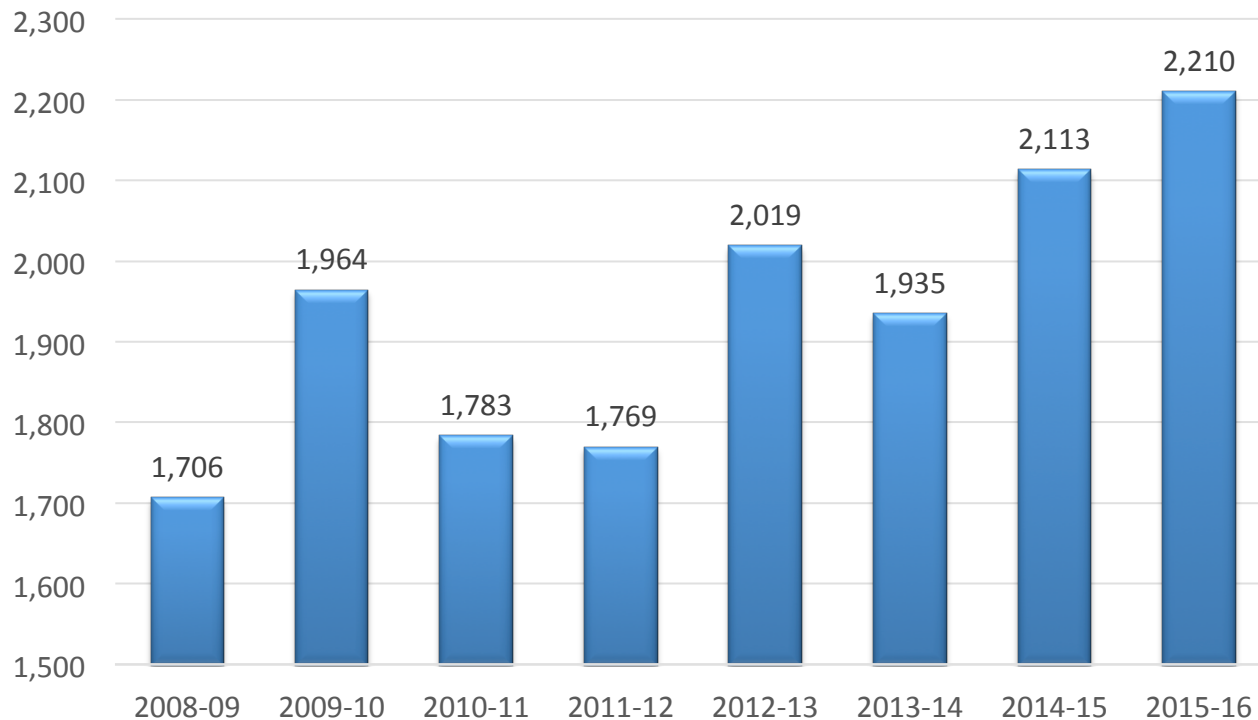


- Head Start and Early Head Start (1,263 children served)
- Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program (302 children served)
- Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts (574 children served)
- Preschool Tuition (27 children served)

* Accountability Block Grant supports the cost to serve children

Malaysia is similar to many of the children in the EC Program.

Number of Students Participating in
PPS Early Childhood Program



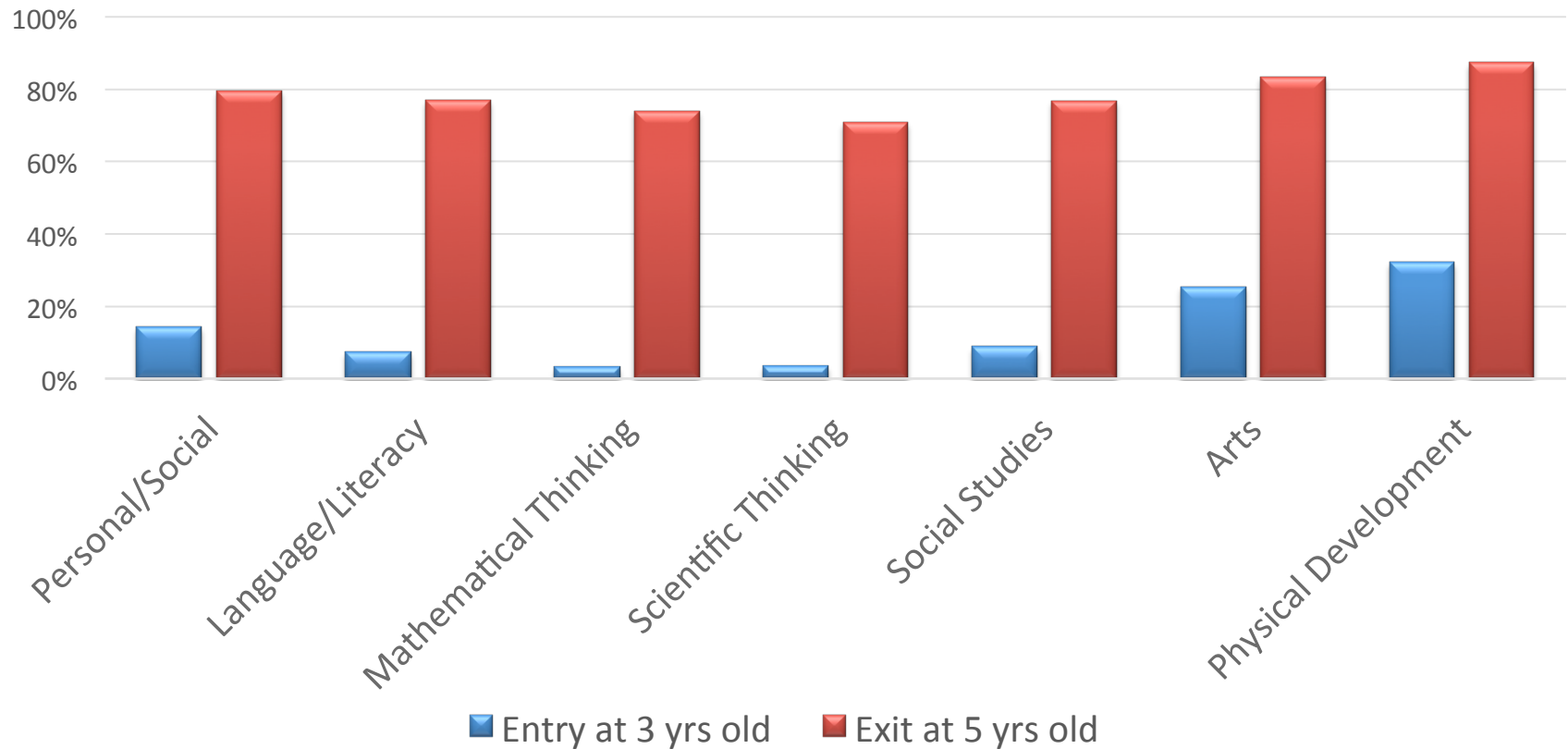
- 86% of EC participants are enrolled for at least 13 months
- 69% African-American
- 25% Special Education
- 83% stay in PPS for Kindergarten

Malaysia is in a high quality program

- All teachers have at least a Bachelor's Degree and PA certification in Early Childhood Education. Over 60% also have a Master's Degree.
- Family Services Specialists and Early Head Start Home Visitors have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in social work, counseling, child development, or a related field.
- All Education Assistants have at least a CDA (Child Development Associate Credential) or Associate's Degree.
- Currently going through the Keystone STARS-all classrooms that have finished the process are STAR 4!

All the students show great progress.

Work Sampling System Early Childhood Program 2013-2015 Cohort



We have demonstrated positive impacts in our EC programs.

We compared students who enrolled in a PPS early childhood program to similar children* that did not attend.

We found PPS Early Childhood participants had:

- Higher Grade Point Averages (1st – 3rd Grade)
- Higher Attendance (1st Grade)
- Higher Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) Scores (3rd Grade)

* PPS EC students were compared to non-EC students who qualify for free or reduced lunch; analysis also controlled for race, gender, and special education status.

Parent Engagement is important to Malaysia's family.



We Value Community Partnerships



Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children



Foster Grandparent Program



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OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT
AND EARLY LEARNING



Jumpstart
Children first.



for early learning and children's media
at Saint Vincent College



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