

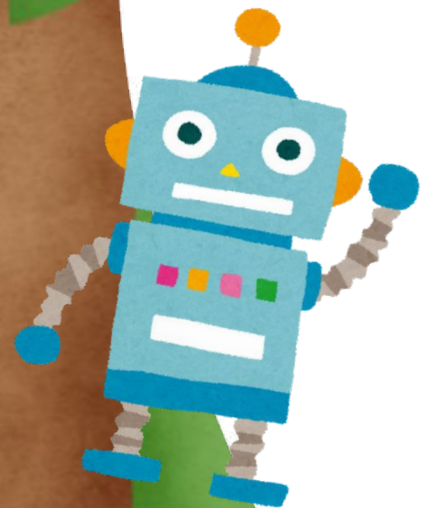


St Martin Parish Early Childhood Leadership Meeting

August 21, 2025

Agenda

- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Program
- Pupil/Appraisal/Child Search
- Early Steps
- Volunteers of America
- Ready Start Network
- Bookin' on the Bayou
- LDOE information
- Monthly Referral Documentation Form
- October 1 Child Count
- CLASS
- 2025-2026 Leadership Meetings
- Upcoming Events/Deadline
- Contact information



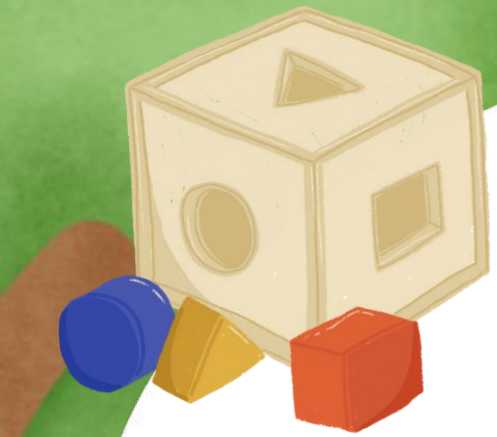


McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Program

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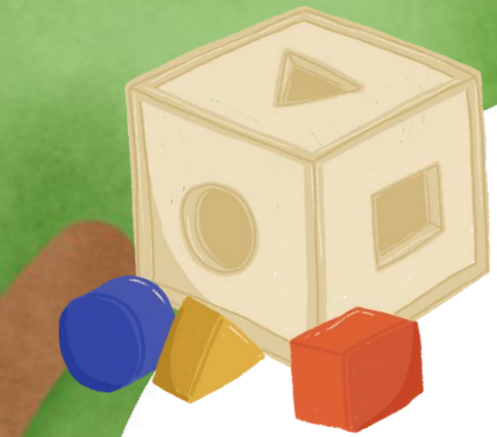


Pupil Appraisal/Child Search

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Pupil Appraisal/Child Search

St Martin Parish Special Education

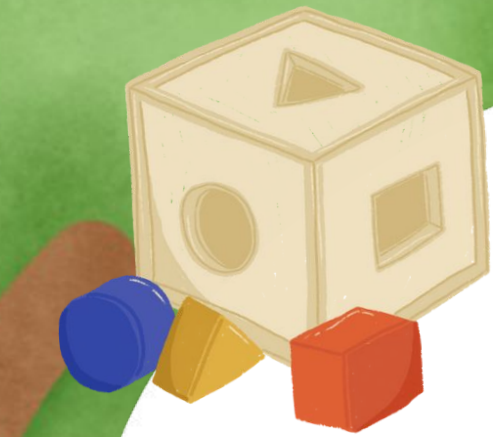
CHILD FIND/CHILD SEARCH

Seeking children who may not be receiving the help they need.

Helping children with special needs.



The first step in helping children with special needs is to find them.



Pupil Appraisal/Child Search

WHO DO WE SERVE

****Children ages 3-21 years****

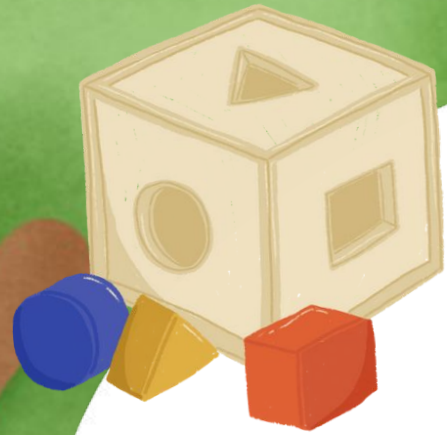
The following are areas of concern or suspected disabilities which may potentially indicate a need for special education services in school districts.

Developmental Delay
Deafness or Hard of Hearing
Visual Impairment
Emotional Disturbance
Health Impairment
Deaf/Blind
Autism

Intellectual Impairment
Speech Impairment
Orthopedic Impairment
Learning Disability
Traumatic Brain Injury
Multiple Disabilities



Special Education can include instruction and related services provided by local school districts for students who meet specific state and federal criteria.



Pupil Appraisal/Child Search

SERVICES PROVIDED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Screenings and assessments provided to children within St. Martin Parish at no cost to the family

A complete and individual educational evaluation, if appropriate, conducted at no cost to the family

An Individualized Education Program for the child with a disability beginning at age three

Activities to develop learning
and self help skills

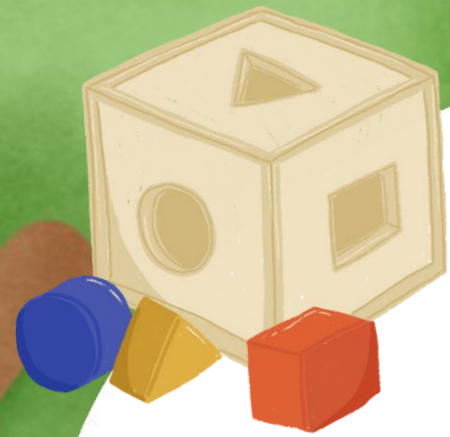
Activities to help social and
emotional development

Assistive Technology

Consultation with therapists for educationally relevant physical and occupational therapy

Moving on to school or other
services as needed at age 3 or when graduating from the program

Referral to other agencies
when needed.



Pupil Appraisal/Child Search

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

The St. Martin Parish Public Schools offer a continuum of services for children from ages 3 through 5 that are identified as having a disability.

- ❖ Early Childhood Special Instruction
- ❖ Speech/Language Therapy
- ❖ Occupational Therapy
- ❖ Physical Therapy

For children who have been diagnosed or are suspected to have the following disabilities:

- ❖ Intellectual
- ❖ Developmental
- ❖ Physical
- ❖ Emotional

Including children suspected of having a disability who are also

- ❖ Highly mobile
- ❖ Migrant and/or
- ❖ Homeless



Pupil Appraisal/Child Search

MAKE A REFERRAL

Any child who is experiencing developmental delays and/ or difficulties in learning, whose parents or legal guardians live within the boundaries of St. Martin Parish or who attends a private school (BESE approved) within the boundaries of St. Martin Parish School District, may be referred.

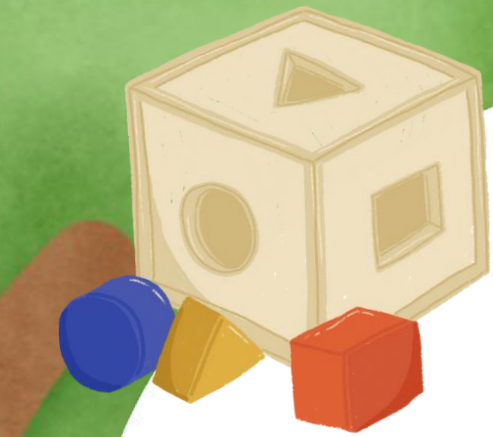
St. Martin Parish Schools Special Services Department

625 Corporate Blvd.
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517
337-909-2889

A free appropriate public education is the right of every child with a disability,
age 3 through 21.



Children from birth through 3 years of age,
call the Early Steps System Point of Entry (SPOE) at 337-359-8748





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Early Steps

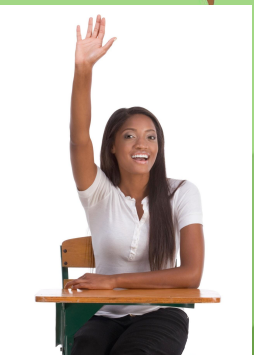
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[Early Steps](#)



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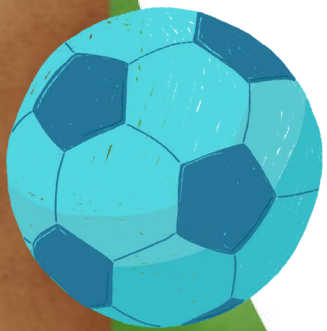
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Ready Start Network

- Blueprint Goals
- Quarterly Meetings
- Bookin' on the Bayou
- Collaboration Meetings





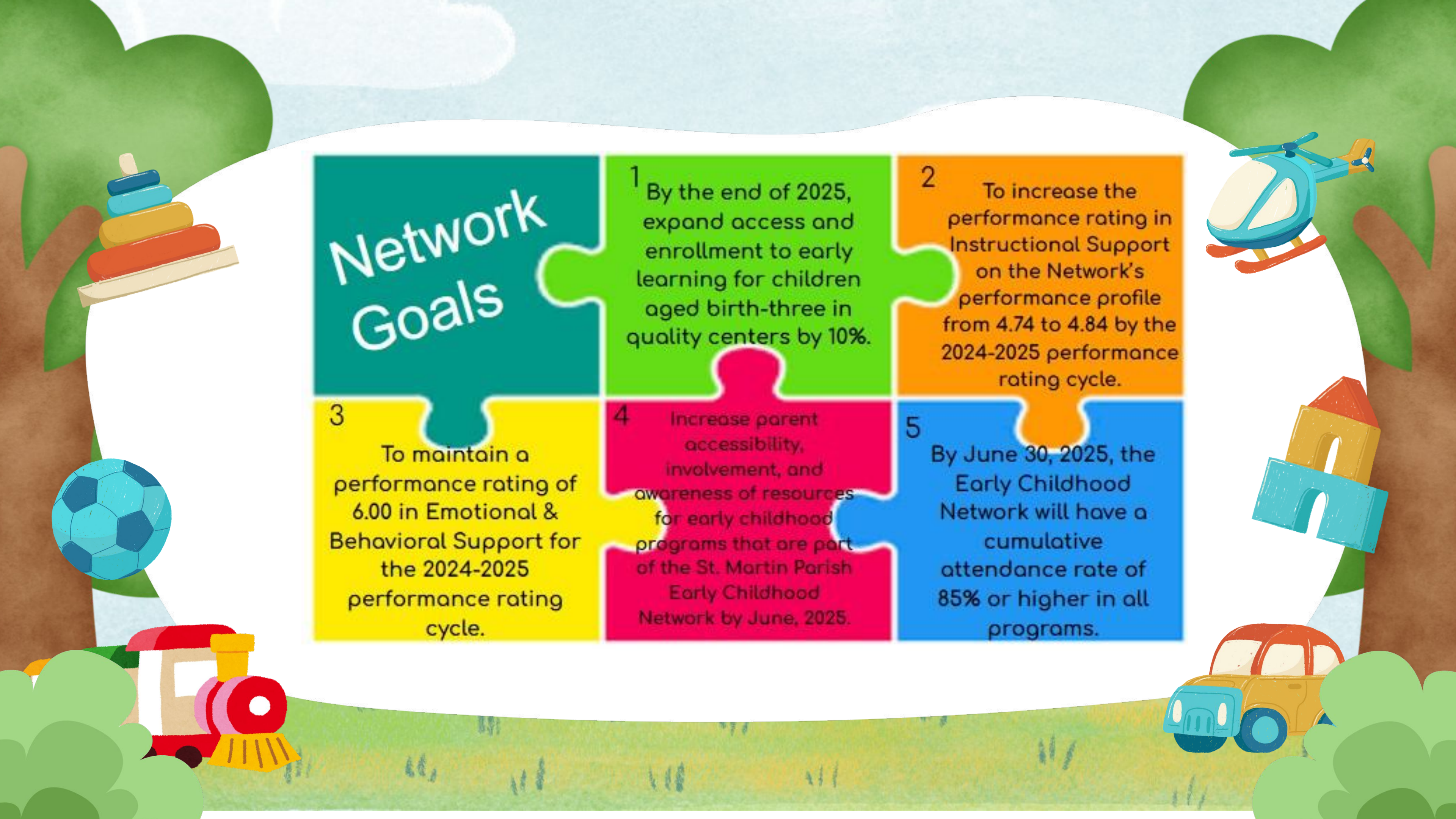
Our vision: St. Martin Parish is a community where all families have access and utilize high quality early childhood care and education services in which the whole child is educated.

Our mission: Through the use of accountable leadership, coordinated strategic planning and financial sustainability, the St. Martin Parish Early Childhood Network's mission is to provide and fill seats of high quality care and education to all eligible families in the parish by effective recruitment with a seamless process to understand eligibility so that all children benefit from highly effective early childhood programs.

Who We Are:

<u>Childcare Centers</u>	<u>Family Child Care</u>	<u>School System</u>	<u>Head Start/ Early Head Start</u>	<u>Community</u>
✦ Boyer's Preschool and Childcare Inc.	✦ Steps In 2 Tomorrow	✦ Breaux Bridge Primary	✦ Breaux Bridge Head Start Academy	✦ Early Steps (Acadiana Area Services District)
✦ Little Blessings of Breaux Bridge	✦ Marie Tolliver	✦ Cecilia Primary	✦ Cecilia Head Start Academy	✦ Volunteers of America Greater Baton Rouge-Acadiana Programs (Child Care Resource and Referral)
✦ Owen's Developmental Learning Center	✦ Guentella Matthews-Jones	✦ Parks Primary	✦ St. Martinville Early Head Start Academy	✦ The Family Tree
✦ St. Martin Sunshine Playschool	✦ LaRae Cox	✦ Saint Martin Early STEAM Academy	✦ St. Martinville Head Start Academy	✦ United Way of Acadiana
		✦ Stephenville Elementary		✦ St. Martin Parish Public Library

Performance Scores: Our 2024 network performance profile score is 5.79 on a 7 point scale, meaning that our performance rating is considered High Proficient. We are currently servicing approximately 813 children in St. Martin Parish, according to the October 1 child count.



Network Goals

1 By the end of 2025, expand access and enrollment to early learning for children aged birth-three in quality centers by 10%.

2 To increase the performance rating in Instructional Support on the Network's performance profile from 4.74 to 4.84 by the 2024-2025 performance rating cycle.

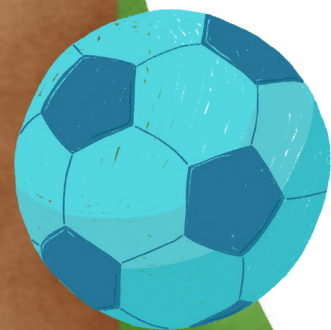
3 To maintain a performance rating of 6.00 in Emotional & Behavioral Support for the 2024-2025 performance rating cycle.

4 Increase parent accessibility, involvement, and awareness of resources for early childhood programs that are part of the St. Martin Parish Early Childhood Network by June, 2025.

5 By June 30, 2025, the Early Childhood Network will have a cumulative attendance rate of 85% or higher in all programs.

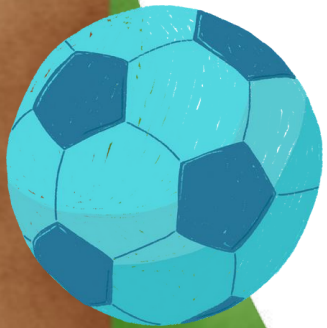
Ready Start Network

- Quarterly Meetings
 - September 2025
 - December 2025
 - March 2026
 - June 2026



Bookin' on the Bayou

- Event to promote Literacy
- Held on Thursday, May 29 from 5:00-7:00
- Target ages were Infant - 4 years old
- Cajun stories were read for each age group
- Hands on activities for each age group
- Tattoo, bubble, face painting booths
- Free hot dogs, chips and drinks, backpack and books were provided
- Raising a Reader fundraiser
 - *Program promoting shared reading*
 - *Books are sent home with children to enjoy and return to exchange for more books*
 - *Materials are sent home to assist families on best way to share read*



Bookin on the Bayou



Early Childhood Programs

SCHOOL SYSTEM PRE-K
Public Prek
Breauv Bridge Primary
Cecilia Primary
Parks Primary
Saint Martin Early STEAM Academy
Stephensville Elementary

Head Start/Early Head Start
Breauv Bridge Head Start Academy
Cecilia Head Start Academy
St. Martinville Early Head Start Academy
St. Martinville Head Start Academy

Type III Child Care Centers
Boyer's Preschool and Child Care Inc.
Little Blessings of Breauv Bridge
Owen's Developmental Learning Center
St. Martin Sunshine Playschool
Family Home Care Providers

Steps in 2 Tomorrow
Marie Tolliver
Quentella Matthews Jones
LaRae Cox



Sponsors

\$1,000 Bayou Benefactor

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CHILD CARE, INC.

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PARKS, LOUISIANA

\$500 Storytime Sponsor

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Head Start Advisors

\$250 Literacy Leader

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BOOKIN' ON THE Bayou

St. Martin Parish
Early Childhood Network
Connecting the pieces one child at a time



ST. MARTIN PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
AND EQUAL ACCESS
FOR ALL STUDENTS

St. Martin Schools
STEAM
Magnet Academies



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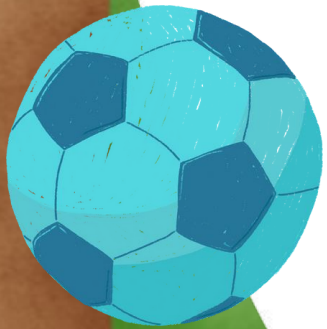
Bookin on the Bayou

- Raising a Reader Program- 2025-2026 Implementation Update
- 4 year old program- 1 *Pre-k class* @ **Cecilia Primary**
 - 3 year old program- 1 *3-year old class* @ **Boyer's Preschool**
 - 2 year old program- 1 *2-year old class* @ **St Martin Sunshine Playschool**
 - Meghan Richard- Raising a Reader Coordinator for St. Martin Parish
 - Funded by Bookin' on the Bayou donations and LA4 grant
 - Anticipated implementation month: October 2025



LDOE information

- 2025 Early Childhood Conference
 - Baton Rouge
 - September 13
 - Raising Cane's River Center
 - Registration deadline was August 6th
 - Shreveport
 - October 11
 - Shreveport Convention Center
 - Registration deadline is September 17th
 - [Link](#) to register
 - There will be no on-site registration



Referral Documentation Form

- Email with the link will be emailed on the first Wednesday of each month
- Deadline to submit answers is due by the second Wednesday of each month
- Use numbers from previous month (ex. when filling form out in September, use August's numbers/enrollment)
- Open Seats form will be emailed shortly after the second Wednesday of each month



Referral Documentation Form



St. Martin Parish Early Childhood Network

Numbers are based on data submitted by program partners on the Referral System Documentation Log.

Month of : December

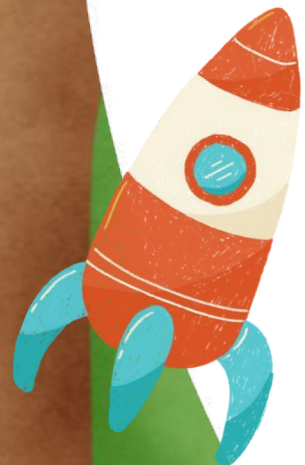
	Number of Open Seats				
	Infants	One-year-olds	Two-year-olds	Three-year-olds	Four-year-olds
Boyer's Preschool and Childcare	0	0	0	0	0
Little Blessings of Breaux Bridge	1	0	0	2	1
Owens Developmental Center	5	0	10	13	13
St. Martin Sunshine Playschool	3	0	0	4	1
Breaux Bridge Primary	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9
Cecilia Primary	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Early Learning Center	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	22
Parks Primary	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9
Stephensville Elementary	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9
Cecilia Head Start Academy	0	0	0	10	N/A
Breaux Bridge Head Start Academy	0	0	0	0	N/A
St. Martinville Early Head Start Academy	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
St. Martinville Head Start Academy	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	N/A
Marie Tolliver	0	0	0	0	0
Steps in 2 Tomorrow	2	1	1	1	0

Provide site contact information to parents who are interested in applying.



October 1 Child Count

- Child Count is a count of all publicly funded children
 - School System
 - Early Head Start/Head Start
 - Family Child Care Providers
 - Type III Child Care Centers
- October 1 child count templates will be emailed to all Program Partners on September 29th
- Due Friday, October 10th



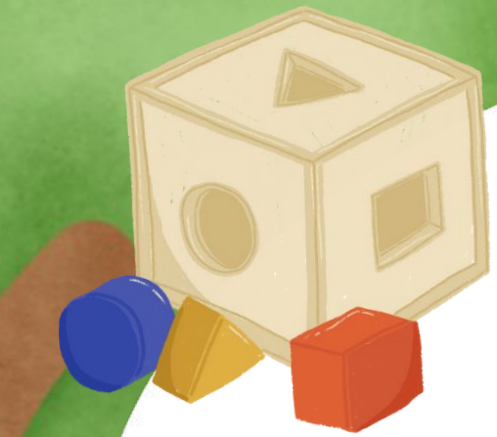
CLASS

- CLASS observations for the 25/26 school year will be conducted
- 2025-2026 Local Observation Protocol Guidance from the LDOE has been released and will be emailed to all observers/directors
- 2025-2026 Local Observation Protocol for St Martin will be available soon and will be emailed to all directors/observers
- St Martin Parish Network Local Observer Protocol and Guidance is available and will be emailed to all directors/observers
- Third Party observations will begin in September
- St Martin Parish Fall 2025 Observations
 - CLASS Schedule template will be emailed to all directors on Friday, August 22nd
 - CLASS schedule templates due Friday, August 29th
 - Observations are to take place between Monday, September 8th and Friday, December 5th
 - CLASS schedule templates will be emailed to observers on Friday, September 5th
 - Observation schedule, from observers, due by Friday, September 12th
- Shadow Observations
 - 10% of classes must be shadow observed (at least one shadow observation in each age group) for each observation period (Fall and Spring)
- Calibration Exercises
 - Each observer must complete one calibration exercise in the Fall and one in the Spring
 - Fall calibration exercise will be sent out in November



CLASS

- CLASS observations will take place at the following locations
 - School System
 - Cecilia Primary School
 - Breaux Bridge Primary
 - Parks Primary
 - St Martin Early STEAM Academy
 - Stephenville Elementary
 - Head Start Centers
 - CDI Cecilia Head Start Academy
 - CDI Breaux Bridge Head Start Academy
 - CDI St. Martinville Early Head Start Academy
 - CDI St. Martinville Head Start Academy
 - Type III Child Care Centers
 - Little Blessings of Breaux Bridge
 - Boyer's Preschool and Childcare
 - St Martin Sunshine Playschool
 - Owens Developmental Learning Center
 - Family Child Care Providers
 - Marie Tolliver (Cecilia/Arnaudville area)
 - Shereka Plummer (Breaux Bridge area)



CLASS

2024/2025 Fall and Spring CLASS score averages for parish

- St Martin Parish 24/25 Fall CLASS score average - 5.31
- St Martin Parish 24/25 Spring CLASS score average - 5.85
 - Data based on local observations only

2023/2024 Fall and Spring CLASS score averages for parish

- St Martin Parish 23/24 Fall CLASS score average - 5.77
- St Martin Parish 23/24 Spring CLASS score average - 5.78

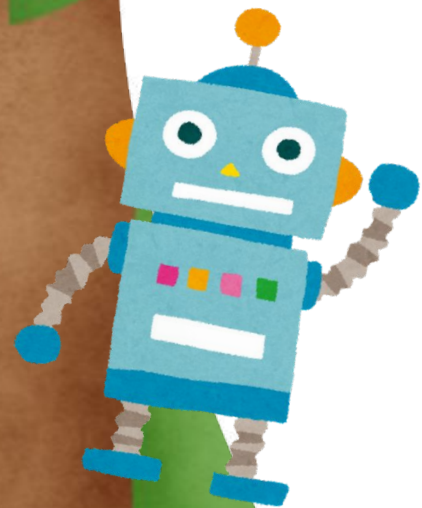


2025/2026 Leadership Meeting Dates

3rd Thursday of every other month
12:30-1:30

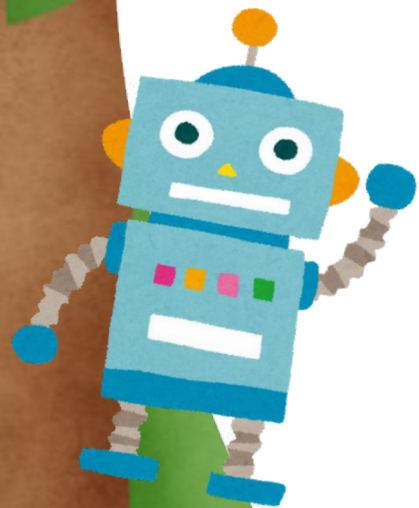
October 16
December 18
February 19
April 16

Highly encourage face-to-face meetings but virtual will be offered as well



Upcoming Events/Deadlines

- TBD - CLASS observation guidance and protocols will be emailed
- August 22nd - CLASS schedule templates will be emailed to director
- August 29th - Deadline for directors to submit CLASS templates
- September 3rd - Referral Documentation System Form will be emailed
- September 5th - CLASS schedule templates emailed to Observers
- September 10th - Open Seats form due
- September 12th - Deadline for CLASS observers to submit Fall observation schedule
- September 29th - October 1 child count template will be emailed
- October 1st - Referral Documentation System Form will be emailed
- October 8th - Open Seats form due
- October 10th - October 1 child count due
- October 16th - Next Leadership Meeting

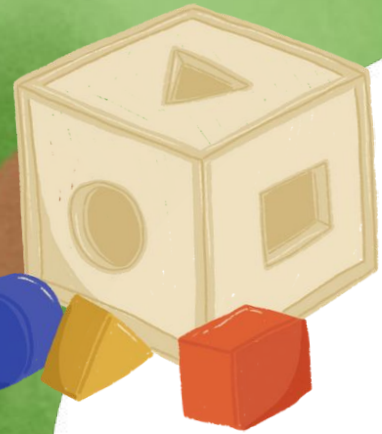


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