

ST. JAMES PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

HEAD START

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

AUGUST 2026

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(A) Total amount of funds received for grant year July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026

• Federal funds received from Office of Head Start -	\$1,844,523
• Non-Federal Support from School District General Funds	<u>\$ 461,131</u>
TOTAL	\$2,305,654

(B) Budget and Budgetary Expenses for Head Start Grant:

• Head Start Budgetary Expenditures for the Grant/Budget Year 2025-26:	
• Personnel	\$1,091,807
• Fringe Benefits	\$ 481,085
• Supplies & Materials	\$ 22,789
• Contractual – Pupil Transportation	\$ 81,735
• Training & Technical Assistance-Staff	\$ 23,955
• Other Costs *	\$ 27,252
• Indirect Costs **	<u>\$ 115,900</u>
• TOTAL	\$1,844,523



*Other costs include staff local travel, parent activities, hiring costs, subscriptions to online software, field trips for children, and training and technical assistance for staff.

**Indirect Costs are for administrative and fiscal support provided by school district admin and fiscal staff to the Head Start program.

Projected Head Start Budget for 2026-27 Grant Year:

• Personnel	\$1,150,926
• Fringe Benefits	\$ 516,925
• Supplies	\$ 15,317
• Training & Technical Assistance-Staff	\$ 23,955
• Other Costs *	\$ 21,500
• Indirect Costs **	<u>\$ 115,900</u>
• TOTAL	\$1,844,523



(C) Enrollment Information – 2025-26 Funded Enrollment for Head Start Program – 156

- Total Cumulative number of children enrolled, including dropouts - **164**
- Head Start Enrollment by Type of Eligibility:
 - Income Below 100% of Poverty Line - **59**
 - Children Receiving Public Assistance (FITAP, SSI, or SNAP) - **75**
 - Foster Children – **2**
 - Children between 100% and 130% of Poverty Line - **23**
 - Children above 130% of Poverty Line – **5**
- Average Monthly Enrollment as a percentage of funded enrollment – 156 Average - 100%

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(D) Results of Federal Review and Audit

- The most recent Federal monitoring review was conducted January 16-19, 2024. The federal review reported one area of non-compliance regarding filing of a Federal report. A corrective action plan was submitted to the Regional Office of Head Start and accepted as corrected.
- The most recent independent audit report dated January 30, 2026, indicated in the Summary of the Auditor's Results the following:
 - The auditor's report expressed an unmodified opinion stating the financial statements of the St. James Parish School Board were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - No material weaknesses or findings were reported regarding Federal Head Start funds;
 - There were no Findings or Questioned Costs related to the Head Start grant.

(E) Enrolled Children Receiving Medical, Dental, and Disability Services

- Number of children up-to-date on EPSDT Well Child Care Medical Exams: 153 – 93%
- Number of children diagnosed as Needing and Receiving Treatment for chronic condition: 19
- Number of children receiving dental exams: 152 – 93%
- Number of children up-to-date on EPSDT Immunizations: 155 – 95%
- Number of children with diagnosed disabilities and receiving services: 35 – 22% of funded enrollment

(F) Parent Involvement Activities

Parents were given opportunities throughout the year to participate in Parent Committees, Policy Council, parent training activities including Transportation/Pedestrian Safety for Children, Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting, Child Release Guidelines, Confidentiality of Children's Records, Discipline Policies and Procedures, Family Literacy, Fatherhood, and Parent/Child Activities.

(G) Preparing Children for Transition to their Next learning Environment

The St. James Head Start program serves three-and four-year-old children using the Frog Street Curriculum for Preschool. Head Start children are prepared with school readiness skills which equip them to enter either a four-year-old Pre-K program when they turn four, or Kindergarten when they turn five. Both state-funded Pre-K and Kindergarten programs are run by St. James Parish School Board, thus creating a smooth transition from one learning environment to the next. Head Start staff coordinate with other school district staff in curriculum training, developmental assessment, and transition activities to ensure that children are ready to advance to their next learning experience.

