

STUDENT READINESS AND SCHOOL SUCCESS

The Governing Board believes that what occurs during a child's preschool years and first years in school has a significant impact on the rest of that child's schooling and, ultimately, his or her future. Parents, educators, physicians, and legislators are expressing growing concern about programs providing for early childhood education. The primary level educational program must be viewed as a progressive continuum for the development of children ages four through six. This progression must support student academic, social, and emotional growth while allowing maximum flexibility to accommodate each child's individual rate of maturation and natural development. Links must be developed between programs for three and four year olds participating in preschool and the primary and intermediate grades of elementary schools so that each child may experience a smooth and successful transition to formal schooling.

The District is committed to concentrating efforts and resources toward student readiness and school success.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish processes designed to realign the following objectives:

1. Implement a developmentally appropriate instructional program in preschool, kindergarten, and primary classrooms.
2. Provide a teacher staff development program in child growth and development for all preschool, kindergarten, and early primary staff.
3. Inform parents about child development and related parenting skills through parent meetings, newsletters, parent conferences, and home visits.
4. Implement articulation and communication among community preschool and District schools.
5. Establish fee-based and state-funded preschool programs to take place on District campuses where space is available.

(cf. 6020 - Parental Involvement)

(cf. 6179 - Child Development Programs)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Government Agencies and the Schools)

(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

(cf. 5141.51 - At-Risk Youths)

Policy

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