



# Gallup McKinley County School District



## Early Childhood Program

2021-22 SY

### MISSION

Preparing our students for success. We empower and develop our students through improving academic knowledge, promotion essential skills and positive character traits, providing safe and healthy learning environments, and creating strong partnerships among parents, colleges and the business community.



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## GALLUP MCKINLEY COUNTY SCHOOLS | 2021-2022 CALENDAR

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## Program Telephone Directory

<b>Administration</b>	<b>Shannon McFarland</b>	<b>Coordinator of Early Childhood Education</b>	<b>721-1013</b>
	Bebe Sarmiento	Data Clerk Student Support Center – Early Childhood	721-1055
	Carol Sanches	Early Childhood Coordinator for Exceptional Services	721-1827
	Barbara Martinez	Administrative Assistant – Services for Exceptional Services	721-1864
<b>Elementary Schools</b>			
	Catherine Miller	Nick Garro - Principal	721-1400
	Chee Dodge	Sasha Blanco – Principal	721-1300
	Crownpoint	Riss Robinson - Principal	721-1500
	David Skeet	Amanda Clawson - Principal	721-1700
	Del Norte	Richy Ferguson - Principal	721-5200
	Indian Hills	Daryl Antone - Principal	721-2900
	Jefferson	Felicia Sanchez - Principal	721-3000
	Lincoln	Edgardo Castro – Principal	721-3400
	Navajo	Kitty Wise - Principal	721-3500
	Ramah	Oscar Ontiveros - Principal	721-3700
	Red Rock	Eva Prieto - Principal	721-3900
	Stagecoach	Neil Tulabing - Principal	721-4300
	Thoreau	Michelle Galaviz - Principal	721-4400
	Tohatchi	Robin Holder - Principal	721-4700
	Turpen	Noel Thomas – Principal	721-5000
	Twin Lakes	Elna Go - Principal	721-5100
<b>Early Childhood Interventionists (ECI)</b>			
<b>Area Head Start Programs in McKinley County</b>	Susan Baca	LNE, NVE,RRE, TLE, Crystal Head Start	721-1806
	JoAnn Bitsilly	RAE, TOE TUE, Bread Springs Face & Head Start, Ramah Tohatchi and Tsayatoh Head Start programs.	721-1862
	Gabrielle Boucher	CME, JFE, THE, Church Rock, Gallup and Thoreau Head Start programs, Wingate FACE	721-1810
	Brooke Menapace	CDE, DNE, IHE, Gallup Head Start	721-1831
	Maria Reyes	DSE, SCE, Chichiltah, Red Rock 1, Pinedale 1&2, Smith Lake, Gallup Head Start programs , Mariano Lake FACE	721-1892
	Vacant	CPE, Crownpoint 1&2, Dalton Pass, Littlewater Head Start programs FACE: Baca, Crownpoint, Pueblo Pintado	721-1863
<b>Parent Educators</b>			
	Wandi Brown	Lead Parent Educator – Gallup High	721-2500
	Tracy Joines	Miyamura High School	721-1900
	Olivia Martinez	Turpen	721-5000
	Kathy Polich	Jefferson	721-3000
	Tomi Jaramillo - Compos	Indian Hills	721-2900
	Marsha Yazzie	Tohatchi Mid	721-4900

## Program Enrollment Requirements

- Title I funded Preschool Programs (18 in the district)
  - All preschool age children residing in the attendance area of the school are eligible to participate in the Title I preschool program. However, if a school wide program cannot serve all preschool-age children residing in the school attendance area, it must establish and apply selection criteria to ensure that those children who are most at risk of failing to meet the State's academic achievement standards are served.
    - *See attachment #1 Pre/PreK reentry plan*
      - *Waiting lists will be established and children are accepted using the above criteria*
- NM Pre-K Programs (17 in the district)
  - *Children who turn 4 years old before August 31<sup>st</sup> including students with current IEP.*
    - *See attachment #1 Pre/PreK reentry plan*
    - *Waiting lists will be established and children are accepted using the above criteria.*
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- Required paperwork for Preschool Programs
  - Complete a PA1 (information sheet)
  - Birth Certificate
  - Updated immunization records
  - Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) if applicable
- Parent Educator Program
  - Pregnant women and teens
  - Parents with children ages 0 to 60 months
    - McKinley County residents
    - No income guidelines
    - Home visits are FREE
    - Parenting Classes are FREE and open to all community members

# Attendance Requirements

## Public Preschool Programs

- School attendance is required for children five years of age and older. Failure to attend is regarded as Educational Neglect as stated in Section 32-1-L (2), The Educational Neglect Section of the New Mexico Children's Code, N.M.S.A. 1978.
- Preschool participation is voluntary. After 10 consecutive days absent without contact from the parent or guardian, the child will be disenrolled from the program. The staff will document attempts to contact the family but we have limited space and children on waiting lists at each school.
  - Habitual Truancy due to 10 or more unexcused absences: The staff will set a meeting with the family to discuss attendance. At this time, a recommendation may be made of other area programs that will better meet the family's needs and the child may be dropped from the program. Each case will be handled on an individual basis.
- **Excused Absences**  
Parents/guardians should notify the school attendance secretary or classroom staff when their children have been absent due to sickness, doctor appointment, or family emergencies. If there is no answer, please leave a message on the voice mail.
- Parent Educator Program
  - 2 home visits per month for at least 2 years (minimum)
  - 3 consecutive months of home visits (6 visits) missed the family is dropped
  - If families move out of McKinley County they are automatically dropped

## Recruitment Procedures

The Gallup McKinley County School (GMCS) District communicates information regarding the Early Childhood Programs in multiple ways.

Preschool – Pre-K Programs:

- In April public radio announcements are sent out.
- Information is posted on the GMCS website and Facebook.
- The elementary schools will develop a list of interested preschool children for the following year.
- In May staff will screen children using the ASQ and contact families to let them know if their child will attend the program or is on a waiting list.
- The teachers work with the district ECIs to develop transition plans for students with IEPs who will be transitioning from Part C –B services.

Parent Educator Program:

- Referrals from area hospitals, WIC, schools and CYFD.
- Direct parent referrals are taken by phone or walk-in.

## Screening and Referral Procedures

Health and Developmental Screening

- The assigned school nurse will screen all children in the following areas:  

<i>Physical examination</i>	<i>Hearing screening</i>
<i>Current immunization</i>	<i>Dental screening</i>
<i>Vision screening</i>	
- Developmental screenings are completed prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of enrollment
- The Parent Educators provide screening and support through each home visit

Referrals for children suspected of having a delay or disability

- All GMCS Early Childhood programs provide an inclusive setting for preschool age children with a delay or disability.
- Early Childhood Interventionists are assigned to each preschool program and provide support with services, IEP development and implementation.
- The Parent Educators work with both the GMCS district and county birth to 3-year-old programs to provide the appropriate services.

Family Engagement Plan and Calendar of Activities

- Pre-K/Preschool programs are required to provide 90 hours yearly of family engagement (Please see dates and deadlines on page 9 and for Parent Teacher Conferences and the school calendar for monthly parent activities).

## Developmentally Appropriate Practices

**Developmentally appropriate practice**, often shortened to DAP, is an approach to teaching grounded in the research on how young children develop and learn and in what is known about effective early education. Its framework is designed to promote young children's optimal learning and development.

All GMCS Early Childhood programs follow the New Mexico Early Learning Guidelines to provide appropriate activities and learning experiences that help prepare young children for school. For a child to be school ready they are socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively ready to enter Kindergarten.

- Preschool and Pre-K programs utilize SAVVAS “Three Cheers for PreK”
  - 4Y only classrooms will also use:
    - Heggerty Phonological and Phonemic Awareness program
  - Waterford on-line supports
    - ECOT is the only approved assessment tool
- Parent Educators Program support early language and literacy development for school success.
  - Subscribe to the Parents as Teachers program, which promotes the optimal early development, learning and health of children by supporting and engaging their parents and caregivers.
  - Mind in the Making – Books and Tips to promote life skills.
- Early Childhood Interventionists
  - Provide support to area head start and preschool programs, with the development and implementation of Individual Education Plans (IEPs).
  - Provide direct support services to children who have a developmental delay or disability.



## GMCS Pre-K and Preschool Dates and Deadlines 2021- 22

Staff Start Day	August 12
Student First Day	August 18
Virtual meetings with Preschool and PreK assistants.	August 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Initial PreK/ Preschool training for all staff AM Shannon – PM SAVVAS Three Cheers for PreK</b>	<b>August 27<sup>th</sup></b>
Parent Involvement Activity	September
Class Enrollment, Waiting list and # of IEP's (email to Shannon)	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Classroom Daily Schedule, Tentative Schedule of Parent Involvement Activities (email to Shannon)	
Scheduled Home visit (Complete the ASQ and ASQ SE) keep in file at school with ASQ (Needs to be completed for all children within the first 3 months of their start date)	September 3,10,17,24
Parent Teacher Conferences	September 13 <sup>th</sup>
COSF assessment for students with IEP's – ECI's will complete (30 calendar days after the first day of student attendance)	September 16 <sup>th</sup>
ECOT BOY assessment complete for all 3 and 4 year old student and must be completed by the 30 <sup>th</sup> instructional day from the 1 <sup>st</sup> day of attendance (including portfolios).	Completed by Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> for children starting August 18 <sup>th</sup> BOY closes October 15 <sup>th</sup>
Virtual Zoom meeting for PreK and Preschool staff	September 24 <sup>th</sup>
Parent Involvement Activity	October
PreK Funds need to be expended or encumbered for the Fall semester.	October 1 <sup>st</sup>
Fall Break	October 8 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>
Early Release	October 14 <sup>th</sup>
ECOT MOY collection window opens (portfolios required for all full day programs)	Opens Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> to Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>
In person meeting for PreK and Preschool staff (Boardroom)	October 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Parent Involvement Activity / Family Lunch	November
Veterans Day	November 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving Break	November 22 <sup>nd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>
Training support Day for FOCUS as needed	November TBA
Parent Involvement Activity	December
Winter Break	December 17 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>
Parent Involvement Activity	January
Early Release Day	January 6 <sup>th</sup>
Martin Luther King Day	January 17 <sup>th</sup>
Virtual Preschool support meeting	January 21 <sup>st</sup>
PreK Funds need to be expended or encumbered for the Fall semester.	February 1 <sup>st</sup>
Parent Involvement Activity	February
ECOT & Portfolios Due for all students	February 4 <sup>th</sup>
ECOT EOY collection window opens (including portfolios)	Feb 5 <sup>th</sup> to June 1 <sup>st</sup>
Parent Teacher Conferences	February 7 <sup>th</sup>
In person meeting for PreK and Preschool staff (Boardroom)	February 18 <sup>th</sup>
Parent Involvement Activity/ Science/Math Night	March
Spring Break	March 14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>
Early Release Day	March 24 <sup>th</sup>
Parent Involvement Activity / Transition into Kinder	April
Accepting names of children for 2021-2022 School Year	April 1 <sup>st</sup> start
In person meeting for PreK and Preschool staff (Boardroom)	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Start Screening for children on the tentative list for 2022-23yr (Only if you have more children on the list than available slots.)	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> start
Parent Involvement Activity/ Family Celebration	May
Virtual meeting for PreK and Preschool staff	May 10 <sup>th</sup>
COSF Scores will be completed by ECI's	Before last day of school for students
<b>ECOT and Portfolios /Parent Teacher Conferences (all students)</b>	May 20 <sup>th</sup>
Last day for students – ECOT Window closes	May 31 <sup>st</sup>
Contact families for 2021-2022 School Year email list to Shannon	By May 31 <sup>st</sup>

## Transition Plans

The GMCS Early Childhood staff supports children transitioning from one program to another through home-visits, phone calls and visits to the receiving program.

- **Preschool and PreK staff** are within the building in which the child will transition to Kindergarten. This gives the team easy access to set a meeting time with the parent, preschool and kindergarten staff. The plans are developed during the spring semester of each year.
- **The Early Childhood Interventionists** set up a transition meeting for children moving from Head Start or an area Preschool program into Kindergarten. At this meeting the parents, teachers and therapists develop an IEP. The plan is designed so the child will transition smoothly to Kindergarten without any interruption in services.
- **The Parent Educators** work with children from birth through 3 years of age. They support the families in getting their children prepared through home-visits which promote literacy and family well-being in preparation for preschool.

## Procedures for Meals

Meals for the GMCS district: Provided by Southwest Food Services Excellence (SFE).

- Southwest Foodservice Excellence is committed to revolutionizing how students are nourished. Everything we do within a school district starts with the students. We will enhance their learning experience by creating healthy eating habits through nutrition education and interactive experiences. Your students are our number one priority.
- Parents, would you like to know what your child is eating? Would you like to make sure they are not eating foods they're allergic to? Below is a link to our interactive menus. You will be able to build a meal according to your child's needs.
- GMCS also provides afternoon snack to all preschool age children enrolled through SFE.

