



Student Growth 2022-2023



Teachers at Holy Cross Head Start use objectives in Teaching Strategies GOLD® to report the children's skill levels for the selected criteria. The data in this report includes Social-Emotional, Physical, Language, Cognitive, Literacy, Mathematics. GOLD measures the knowledge, skills, and abilities that are most predictive of school success. The tool has 38 objectives, including 2 objectives related to English language acquisition. Thirty-six of the 38 objectives are organized into nine areas of development and learning. The first four are major areas of child development: social-emotional, physical, language, and cognitive. The content learning that is usually identified in early learning standards is organized into the following five areas: literacy, mathematics, science and technology, social studies, and the arts. The objectives in a tenth area, English language acquisition, help teachers follow a child's progress in acquiring receptive and expressive skills in English.

Student demographics:

Fall 2022:

389 children assessed
55% 3 year olds
45% 4 year olds
47% Male
52% Female
29% Dual language learners
21.2% Students with Disabilities

Winter 2023:

392 children assessed
56% 3 year olds
44% 4 year olds
47% Male
52% Female
29% Dual language learners
24% Students with Disabilities



Social Emotional Development

Fall:
30%

Winter:
69%

Spring:

Physical Development

Fall:
41%

Winter:
76%

Spring:

Language Development

Fall:
27%

Winter:
60%

Spring:

Cognitive Development

Fall:
30%

Winter:
69%

Spring:

Literacy Development

Fall:
34%

Winter:
71%

Spring:

Math Development

Fall:
26%

Winter:
69%

Spring:

Note: At the beginning of the year, it is appropriate for a student's skills and abilities to fall below widely held expectations for their age or class/grade because they may not have received instruction for that level.

What's going on?

Professional Development

HCHS education staff participated in a training in November presented by Theresa Cummings. Theresa introduced the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework. Education staff also participated in a virtual training from Lakeshore on the importance of observation and assessment.

Special Events

HCHS hosted our annual Charter School Fair. Thirteen local charter schools came to each center and spoke to parents about their schools and allowed families to ask questions about the kindergarten registration process. Each center also invited families into their buildings for family events during the months of November and December.

Community Collaborations

Our collaboration with Endeavor Health Services to provide children with counseling in school is ongoing. Children in need of dental screenings have been seen by Tracy Fest and we are also partnering with UB School of Dental to provide dental screenings during the winter months. Eat Well Play Hard is back this year providing classrooms with nutritional education and activities.

