



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:

Spring 2023:



Social Emotional Development

Fall:
30%

Winter:

Spring:

Physical Development

Fall:
41%

Winter:

Spring:

Language Development

Fall:
27%

Winter:

Spring:

Cognitive Development

Fall:
30%

Winter:

Spring:

Literacy Development

Fall:
34%

Winter:

Spring:

Math Development

Fall:
26%

Winter:

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 started the program year off with trainings provided by PEDALS and Help Me Grow WNY. They also received their annual policy and procedures trainings. In November they participated in a training on the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework provided by Theresa Cummings from The Office of Head Start Region II Training and Technical Assistant Center. Lakeshore Learning also provided a training around observing and assessing children.

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

HCHS partnered with Help Me Grow WNY to complete our ASQ screenings online. They are also helping by connecting staff and families with extra resources when needed. The agency continued to partner with H&S of WNY and ECMC to complete the speech screenings. Our collaboration with Endeavor Health Services to provide children with counseling in school ongoing. Children in need of dental screenings were seen by Tracy Fest both over the summer and after the school year started. New this year, The Lions Club performed the vision screenings on the children in our program. Eat Well Play Hard is back this year providing classrooms with nutritional education and activities.