

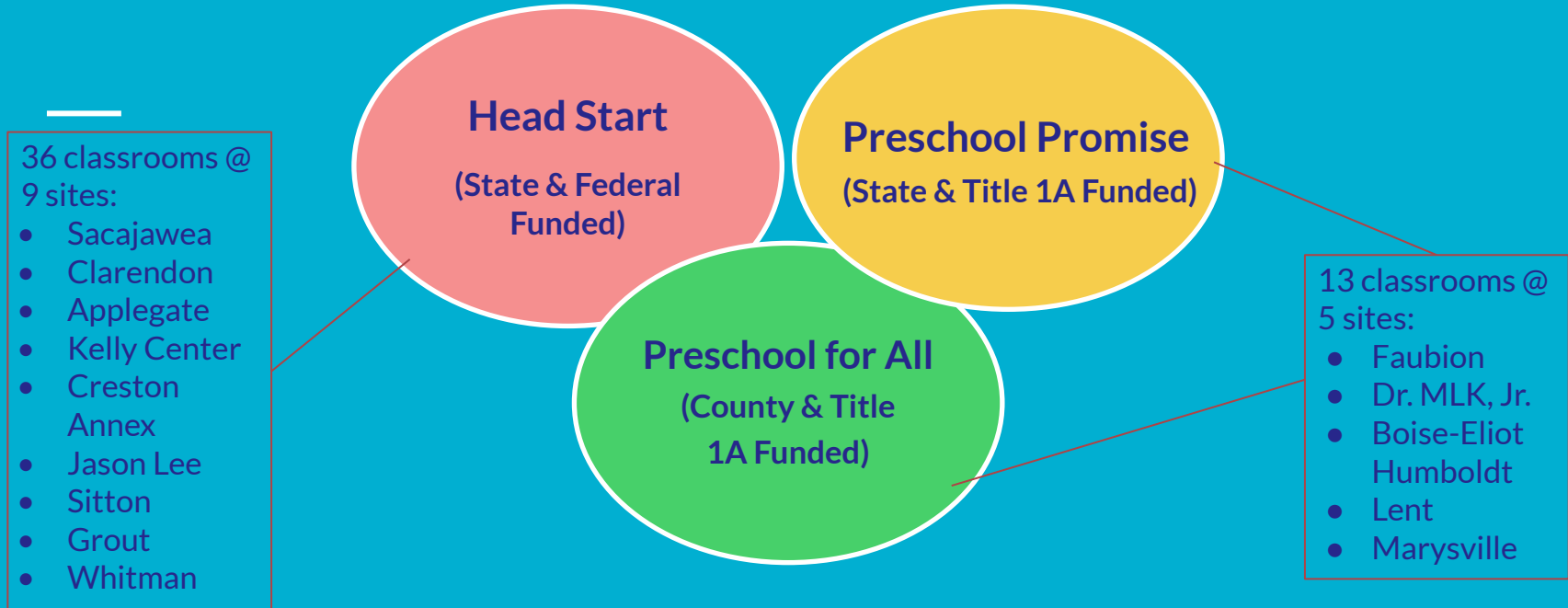
PPS PreK/Head Start Conversation

PAT Bargaining, 5/19/23

2023-24 PPS Pre-K Overview

Total Number of Pre- K Slots: 872

Head Start: 648 PFA/PSP: 224



Programmatic Updates for 2023-24

- Receiving funding for 36 additional Preschool for All slots;
- Adding one new PreK site @ Rosa Parks;
- Expanding linguistically and culturally specific programming by adding two additional Spanish DLI classrooms and one Classroom for Black Excellence;
- Piloting braided funding at 4 sites (Faubion, Applegate, Rosa Parks, and Jason Lee) to support full enrollment at all sites

PreK/Head Start Eligibility Requirements

Head Start families must...

- Live at or below the federal poverty level (FPL), and/or
- Qualify through other federal designations such as foster care, homelessness, etc.
- A small % of families can fall between 101-130% of FPL and beyond

Preschool Promise families must...

- Live at or below 200% the federal poverty level (FPL), and/or
- Qualify through other federal designations such as foster care, homelessness, etc.

Preschool for All slots must be prioritized for families whom...

- Are in the foster system,
- Experience homelessness,
- Experience disabilities,
- Are BIPOC,
- Speak a language other than English at home,
- And more...

PreK/Head Start Staffing & Supports

- Current classroom size=18 students (3 and 4 year olds)
- Current classroom staffing=1 certified teacher plus 1.5 EAs
- Wrap-around support staffing includes:
 - Education Supervisors OR Building Leaders + Early Learners Admin Support
 - Instructional coaches
 - Family Service Workers/Community Agents
 - Mental Health Consultants OR Student Support Coordinators
 - Health and nutrition support

Current Curriculum & Daily Program

- Tools of the Mind is our adopted curriculum
- Every day, every classroom experiences:
 - Outdoor free play
 - Family style meals
 - Quiet/Rest/Nap time
 - Child-directed free play
 - Structured make believe play (rotating play themes)
 - Whole group circle time
 - Integrated literacy learning and practice
 - Math & science hands-on large and small group activities

Professional Learning & Planning

- August PreK Summer Institute option;
- 12 pre-service days before first student day (PD, team planning, classroom set-up, and home visits);
- Same Tuesday schedule as K-12 colleagues w/centrally-facilitated PreK-specific professional learning on Teaching & Learning Tuesdays;
- Specialized track of curriculum-based PD for new educators;
- 14 “No Child Days” (inclusive of contractual Grading Days) built into the calendar year (PLCs, PD, team planning, classroom set-up, and home visits);
- Daily planning minutes before and after school (at least 320 min/week)

