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Department Overview

The Early Childhood Department provides educational services for children ages three to five in high quality Pre-K programs, both for children with special needs and typically developing children. High quality Pre-K programs can be found in the majority of elementary school campuses in conjunction with a variety of federal and state funded sources. The Early Childhood Department has a partnership with Acelero Learning Clark County (Head Start) and the UNLV/CSUN Preschool to provide high quality services in a fully inclusive environment. Students typically attend preschool programs four days per week, two and a half hours per day. Due to specific grant requirements, some programs are in session for a full school day, five days per week. Special Education services for all children ages three and up is a requirement of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Performance Measures

<u>Communication</u>: The Early Childhood Department communicates with families, school personnel, and stakeholders regarding school assignments of preschool children with disabilities/delays.

<u>Consistency</u>: The Early Childhood Department has procedures in place in order to ensure that a consistent message is being communicated regarding program assignments.

<u>Customer Service</u>: Customer service will be evaluated by staff and parents via the use of surveys. The results will be provided to each department to allow for opportunities for improvement.

Department Services

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- Provides professional development opportunities for all Pre-K staff (general education and special education).
- Makes initial program assignments and processes address changes and other updates on a daily basis, with an average of 35-40 per day.
- Transportation Action Requests are submitted on a daily basis.
- Oversees the instructional practices for 453 Early Childhood programs (general education and special education).
- Works in collaboration with community partners to increase high quality preschool opportunities to at-risk students in Clark County.

