



The Sky's the Limit!



Sulphur Springs Independent School District Head Start

Douglass Early Childhood Learning Center

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Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Achievement

The Sulphur Springs Independent School District Head Start program takes a 360 approach in providing ongoing, comprehensive, and quality services to children and families. By implementing the Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement (PFCE) Framework, Content Area Specialists, teachers, and community partners work collaboratively in order to ensure that program services are both systemic and effective. The ultimate objective is to engage parents in taking on more active roles to ensure that their children are healthy and develop the necessary skills to become school ready and to have some measure of life success.

The SSISD Head Start program had over a 96% success rate in meeting the 2017-18 EPSDT requirements by implementing the following policies and procedures:

- At the time of enrollment, clear expectations are emphasized and outlined on recruitment/registration flyers (Included in the ERSEA program plans)
- Head Start 3 Rollover Meetings are scheduled to help parents as their children transitions to HS4. Health requirements are explained and highlighted during these sessions.
- During the round-up/registration process, staff communicates with parents regarding the requirements needed for their children. Parents are made aware of the following:
 - Current immunization records are required before child can begin school
 - Wellness checks/physicals required within the first 90 days
 - Hemoglobin and lead screenings must be completed in first 90 days
- Once a child is enrolled, the program provides families with additional resources and support, as needed.
- The school nurse sends correspondence during the summer months to remind parents of health requirements for their children. Once school begins, the nurse continues to communicate the health needs for enrolled students.
- The program has a referral/tracking procedure in place when family issues/needs have been identified. Families are referred to Family Services Staff (FSS) to offer support in helping parents to complete their child's health requirements. Until health objectives are met, FSS continues to follow-up with parents via phone calls, emails, meetings, school/home visits, etc.
- Content Area Staff also meets monthly in order to discuss students that have been referred and/or staffed for various services. These G.A.P. (Get Attention Promptly) meetings are designed to discuss and plan strategies to best meet the needs of Head Start families and children.