

LRSD Early Childhood Pre-Kindergarten



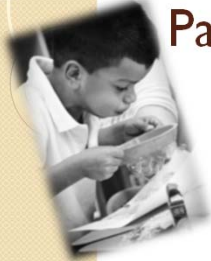
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LRSD Pre-Kindergarten

Provides free, high-quality learning focused on social, emotional, developmental, and academic opportunities in preparation for school success.



LRSD Pre-Kindergarten: Part of an Exemplary State System



2016 Arkansas Rankings
National Institute for Early
Education Research

- 5th for access for 3 year olds
- 18th for access for 4 year olds
- 13th for spending for pre-k



LRSD Pre-Kindergarten



- Largest public-school pre-K in the state
 - Current enrollment of more than 1,665 (1,694 seats available)
 - 89 classrooms in 19 schools/sites
 - 29 P3 classes; 60 P4 classes
 - 4 Early Childhood Centers & 15 schools
- Certified teachers and trained assistants in each classroom



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Arkansas Better Chance (ABC)

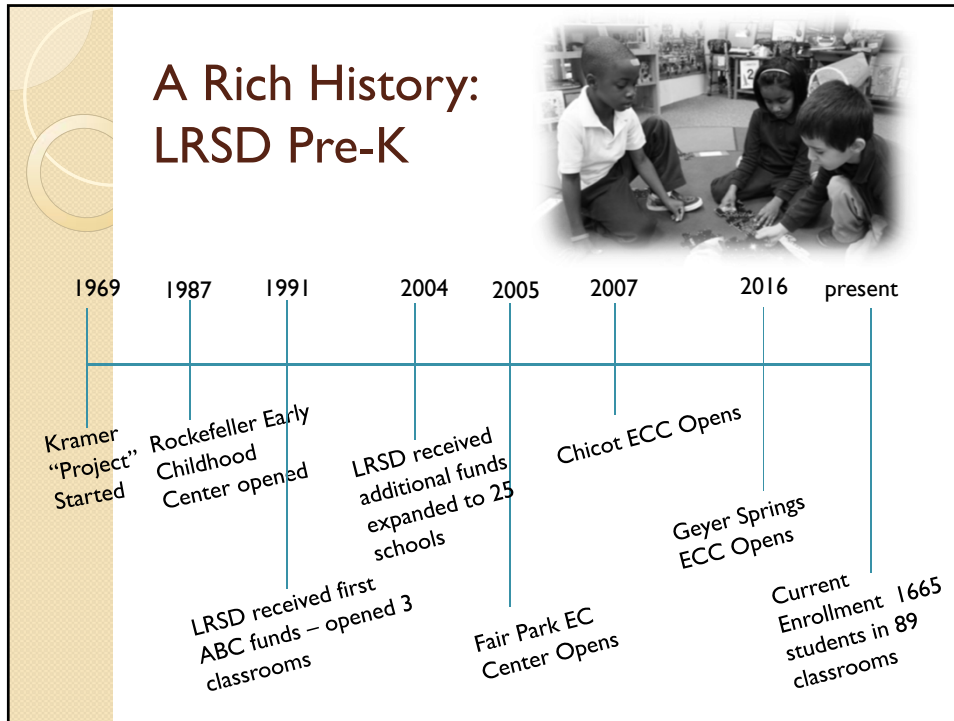
State-funded early childhood program operated under the laws and regulations of ABC and Arkansas Division of Human Services (DHS)

Preschool Development Grant (PDG)


Federally-funded early childhood program which expanded ABC; operated through Division of Human Services (DHS)

LRSD Pre-Kindergarten: Funding




- Arkansas Better Chance
\$5,623,020 (funds 1,157 eligible students)
- Preschool Development Grant
\$2,375,280 (funds 260 P4 eligible students)
(Available through the 18-19 year)
- Little Rock School District
Required Minimum Match: \$ 5,332,200
(Cash and In-kind)

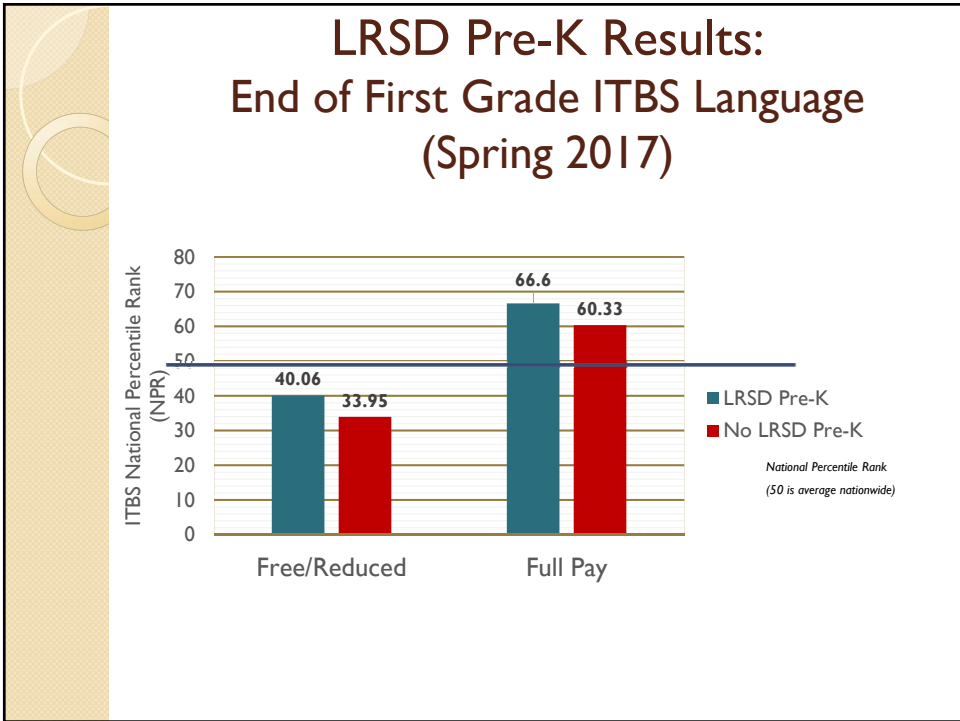
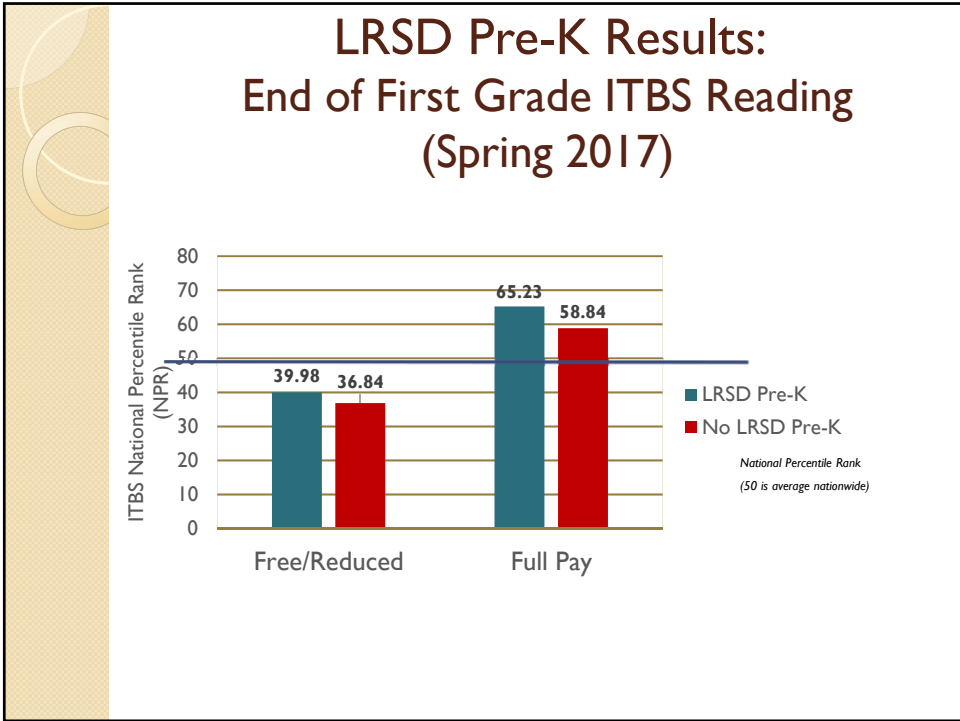


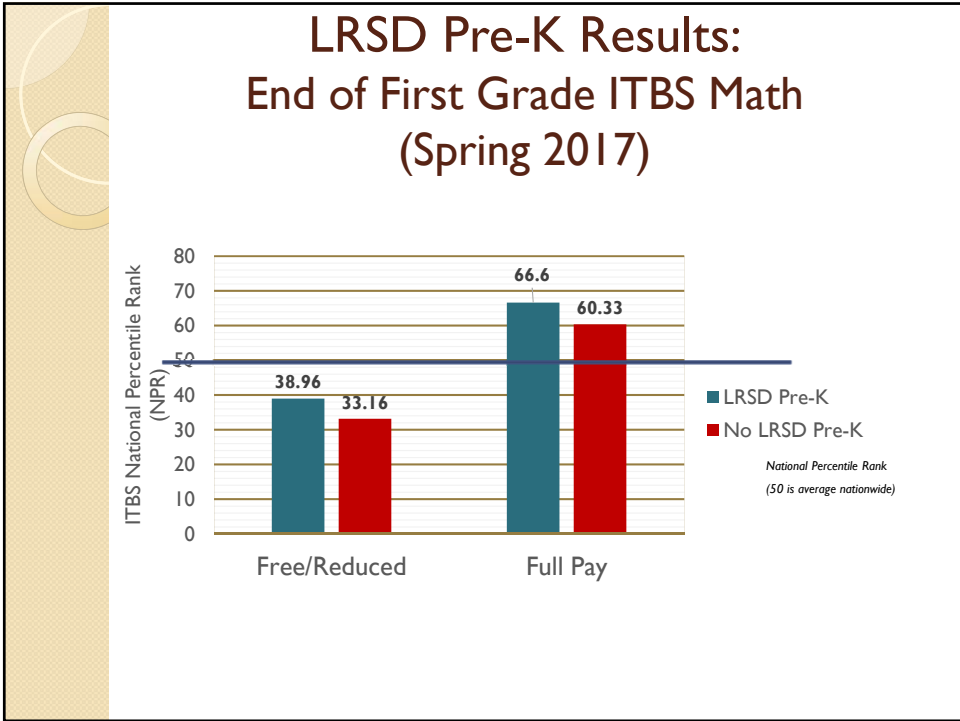
Inside a Pre-K Class: It's not JUST "play"





- Variety of learning centers to explore, build, and discover
- Comprehensive curriculum
- Assessments
- Daily outdoor learning and gross motor development






LRSD Pre-Kindergarten: What's Next?

- Expanding science learning with age-appropriate STEM activities
 - Project Learning Tree (Environmental Science)
 - Engineering
- Launching Pulaski County Imagination Library



Pulaski County Imagination Library

(Affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library)

- Monthly, book gifting program
- Mails a selected free book to children birth to five years
- Designed to foster a love of reading with young children and their families
- Over 1 million books sent each month within United States, United Kingdom, Canada and Australia
- Many communities and counties within Arkansas are participating

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- Collaboration and financial agreement with North Little Rock and Pulaski County Special School District
- Open to all children who live in Pulaski County
- Sign up at www.pcaril.org

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- We are still accepting applications for the 18-19 school year
 - P3 – 3 years on or before August 1
 - P4 – 4 years on or before August 1
- Contact the Early Childhood Office
447-7360
5240 Mabelvale Pike, 72209
(Back of the Geyer Springs Early
Childhood Center)