

Prioritizing Preschool

Investing in Our Future



HENRICO COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Early Childhood Development with a High Public Rate of Return: The Perry Preschool Study

James Heckman: 2002 Nobel Prize in Economics

- Annualized rate of return 7 to 10 %
- Average annual stock market growth 5.8%
- Early childhood education is a better investment



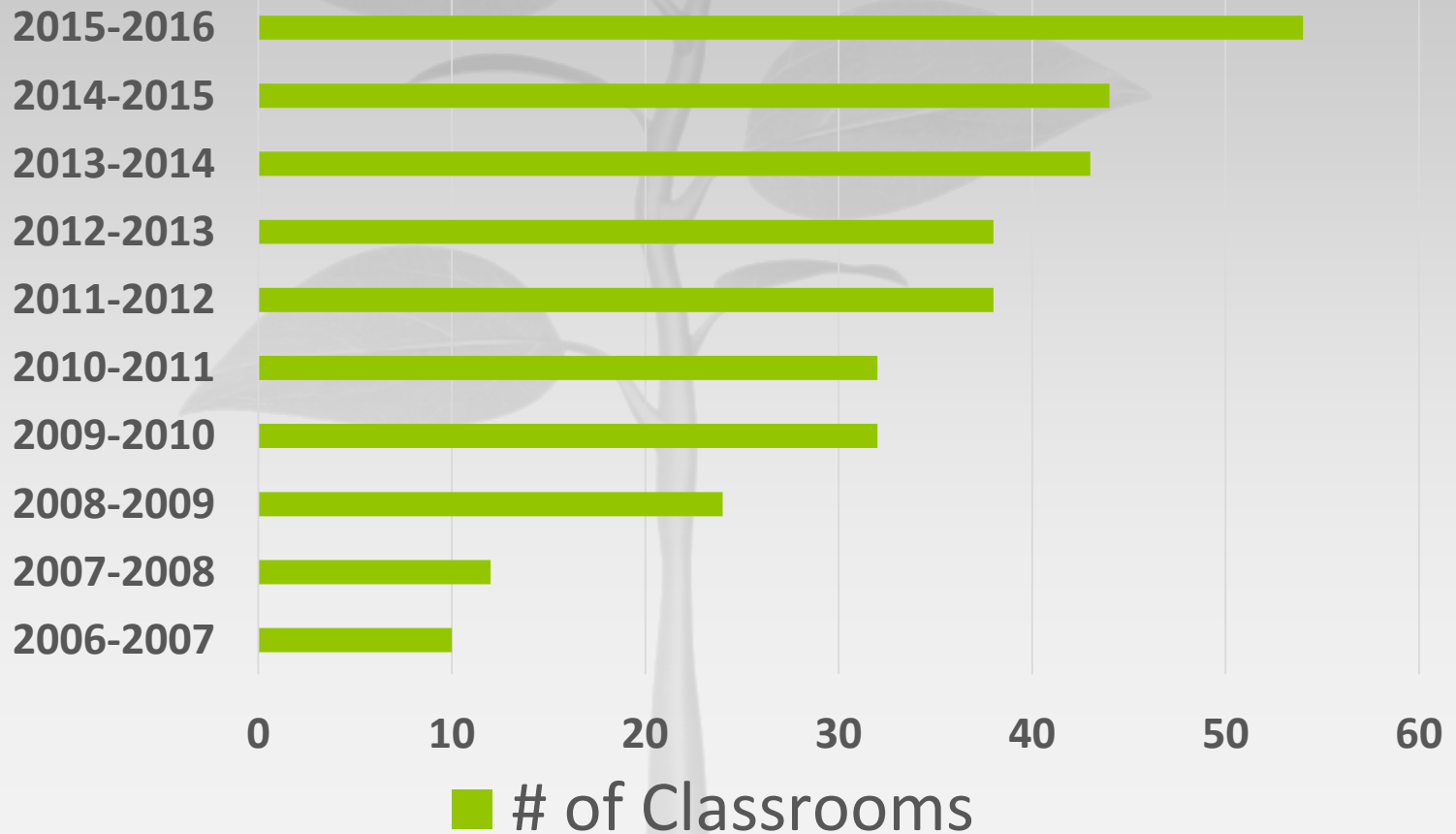
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Henrico Preschool Commendations


- Noted as an exemplary Early Childhood Program by the Office of U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan
- Cited by the Office OF Head Start as “Pioneers” for developing and implementing the Braided Preschool concept
- 2012 Head Start Performance Triennial Review, no findings
- Represents Virginia Preschool Initiative on the Head Start State Collaboration Committee
- Represented Braided Preschool programming on the Governor’s Council Early Childhood Advisory Committee

Historical Growth

2006 - 2016



Program Growth Overview



YEAR	# of Children	WAITLIST TOTAL
2006-2007	159	144
2007-2008	183	164
2008-2009	386	256
2009-2010	532	336
2010-2011	532	515
2011-2012	684	426
2012-2013	684	492
2013-2014	774	396
2014-2015	775	375
2015-2016	954	280

The Braided Model...

- 4 Funding Strands
- Funding follows the child vs. the child following the funding
- Follow the highest standard of each strand
- Eligibility



Where are we now...

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Current Year Statistics...

- **954 Students**
- **54 Classrooms in 27 buildings**
- **5 Collaborative Classrooms**
- **180 English Language Learners**
- **Families in poverty**



**Social &
Academic**

PALS

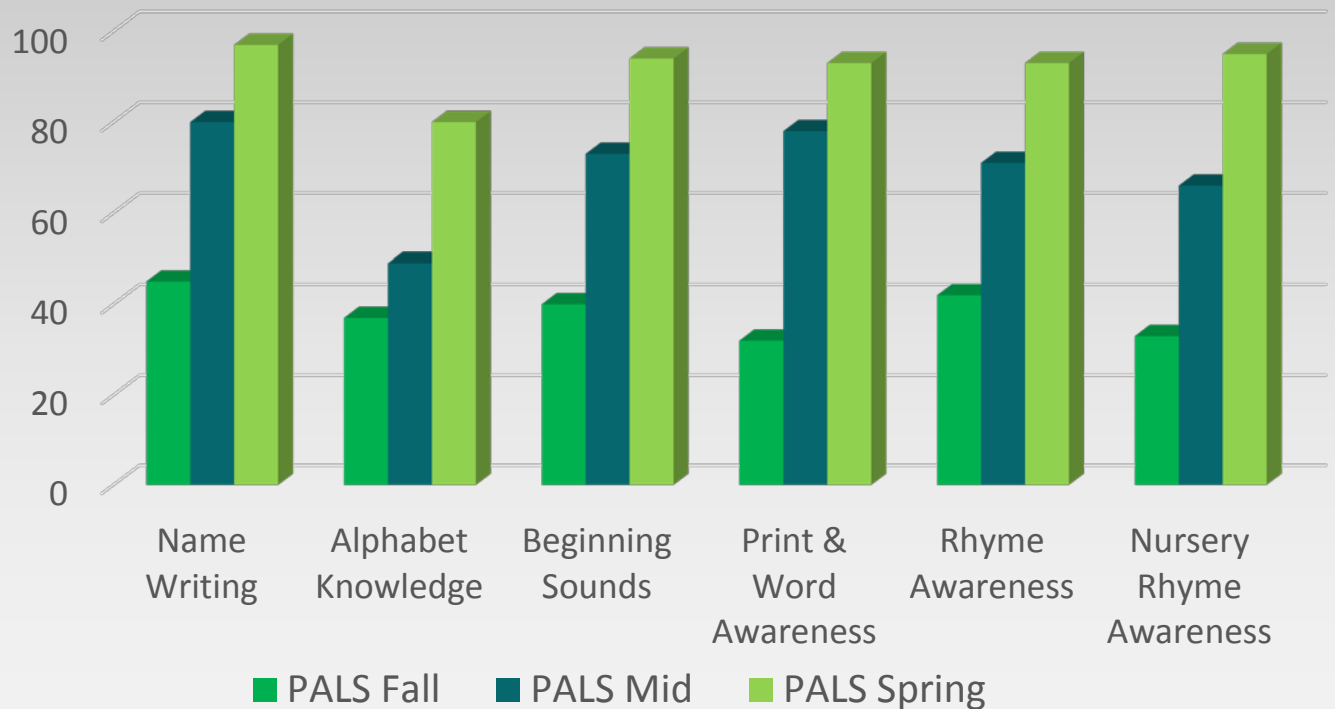
**Family
Engagement**

**Teacher
Qualifications**

Henrico benefits and Successes

Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS)

Student Literacy Growth 2014-2015



Family Advocates

- In Title I schools and Preschool only schools
- Workshops, events, activities for families
- ManUp
- Goal setting
- Support and Resources
- Home visits
- Reduction in tardies and early dismissals

Partnerships

Department of Social
Services

Henrico Mental
Health

SCAN

Cooperative
Extension Office

RVA Smart Beginnings

University of Virginia

J. Sargent Reynolds
Community College

Virginia
Commonwealth
University

Developing:

~Richmond Montessori

~Coal Pit Learning
Center

~St. Peter's Baptist
Church Child
Development Center

Others

Recommendations

- Increase the per pupil allocation for VPI
- Monitoring of consistent implementation across the state
- Review childcare subsidy language

Questions?

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