

Highline Public Schools

Early Childhood Education

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Our Promise

Every student in
Highline Public
Schools is known by
name, strength and
need, and graduates
prepared for the
future they choose.





CULTURE OF BELONGING

A culture where all are welcome, valued, and safe.



INNOVATIVE LEARNING

Academic experiences that engage, empower, and challenge every student.



BILINGUAL & BILITERATE

Multicultural skills that enable students to live, work, and communicate across cultures.



FUTURE READY

Students explore possibilities and develop mindsets that prepare them for a changing future.

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State Budget Cuts Impact Early Learning

Highline offers high-quality early learning programs, including ECEAP—a free, state-funded preschool for low-income families. *Due to state level budget cuts, these programs are being affected.*

ReadyK

ReadyK is a no-cost, full-day
Transition to Kindergarten Program.



ReadyK: 2025–26 SY

ReadyK will operate at:

- Mount View Elementary
- Seahurst Elementary
- Des Moines Elementary

Sites were selected based on: Family interest, location of highest need/eligible students, proximity to student homes

Changes from Previous Plan:

- Ready K **will not operate** at Hilltop or Beverly Park as previously planned.



ReadyK: Moving Forward

- Funding was based on average student attendance from September to April. Although we served 85 students in 5 classrooms, the average attendance was 51, so we were only funded for 51 students.
- Result: Two classrooms closed. Ready K will operate at three schools next year instead of five.
- Because of the funding limit, we are also unable to expand to additional schools as originally planned. To honor our commitment to a full-year program, we will proceed with the longer model, even though it means serving fewer classrooms to stay within enrollment limits.

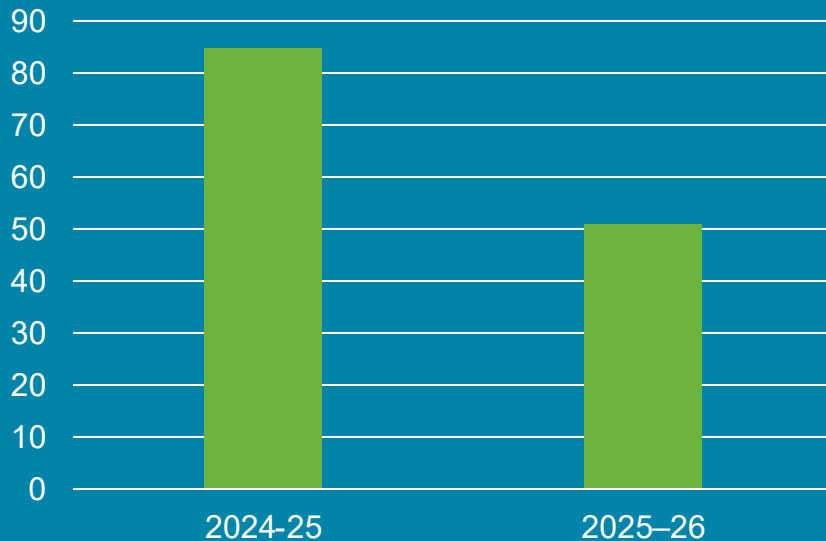


Capacity Reductions

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● ReadyK

- 2024–25: 85 slots
- 2025–26: 51 slots

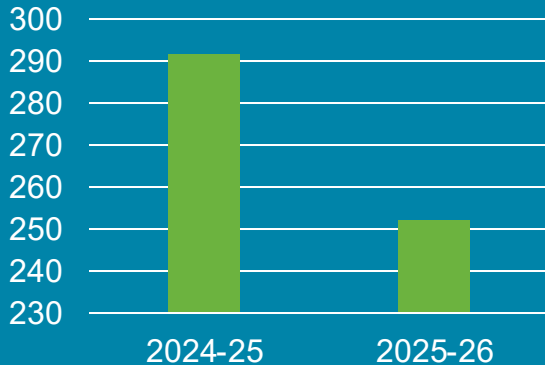


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● ECEAP

- 2024–25: 292 slots
- 2025–26: 252 slots

ECEAP reductions are due to reductions in state funding to Puget Sound ESD (PSES), Highline's partner in providing preschool spots through the ECEAP program.



- **Preschool – Other:** *Peer Program and Developmental Preschool are not affected and will continue.*

Questions?