

# POLICY IHCG

## Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools

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**Related Entries:** IHCG-R  
**Responsible Office:** Deputy Superintendent

### K-3 PLUS

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of Policy IHCG is to provide additional instructional days for students enrolled in early grades in order to narrow the achievement gap.

#### II. BACKGROUND

- A. The Board of Education recognizes that additional instructional days support high poverty public schools or low performing schools in minimizing the learning gaps, such as the readiness gap, attendance gap and the “summer slide.” Adding days to the regular school year provides teachers with additional opportunities to fully implement the core curriculum.
- B. The purpose of the K-3 Plus program is to demonstrate that increased time in kindergarten through third grade narrows the achievement gap between disadvantaged students and other students. K-3 Plus extends the school year for kindergarten through third grade students by providing 25 additional instructional days before school starts.

#### III. DEFINITIONS

- 1. *“High poverty public school”* means a public school in which 80 percent or more of the students are eligible for free- or reduced-priced meals.
- 2. *“Readiness Gap”* means children from low-income families begin school behind their peers.
- 3. *“The Attendance Gap”* means children from low-income families miss many days of school, which causes gaps in learning.
- 4. *“Summer Slide”* means children lose academic progress over the summer months.

#### IV. PROCESS

- A. All education programs within K-3 Plus will be consistent with instructional goals of the district, ensuring both the rigor and the quality of instruction.

- B. K-3 Plus will start no earlier than two months prior to the beginning of the regular school year.
- C. The Superintendent shall provide an LCPS school environment where students enrolled in K-3 Plus have access to the appropriate support necessary (computer labs, libraries, music, classrooms and transportation).
- D. The district shall determine the start and end dates for the K-3 Plus program, based on available funding from the New Mexico Public Education Department. Additionally, those dates shall include a specific final date for registration into the program to ensure efficacy of instruction.
- E. The Director of Elementary Instruction shall work with principals on the completion of K-3 Plus Program applications and obtain final approval from the Superintendent prior to submitting school applications to the New Mexico Public Education Department. Any changes to the program application after submission will require Superintendent approval.
- F. The Director of Elementary Instruction and the Director of Analysis, Accountability and Research will collect, analyze and review program effectiveness on a periodic basis and will report results to the Board of Education.
- G. The district shall comply with all state-mandated provisions of the program including eligibility, testing requirements, reporting requirements and application procedures [§22-13-28, NMSA 1978].
- H. The Superintendent of Schools shall promulgate a regulation for the enforcement of this policy.

**V. REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.



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*Board of Education, President*

December 12, 2014

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*Date Approved*

**History:** New Policy, 12.09.14

**Legal Reference:** §22-13-28, NMSA 1978