

Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership

Early Childhood Education
Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start

A photograph of several young children lying on their backs in a large ball pit filled with colorful plastic balls. The children are smiling and looking up at the camera. Their hands are raised above their heads, reaching towards the balls. The balls are in various colors including red, yellow, green, blue, and orange. The children are wearing casual clothing like t-shirts and a striped shirt.

**2023-2024
Annual Report**

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Enrollment

Served 244 children during the 2023–2024 School Year.

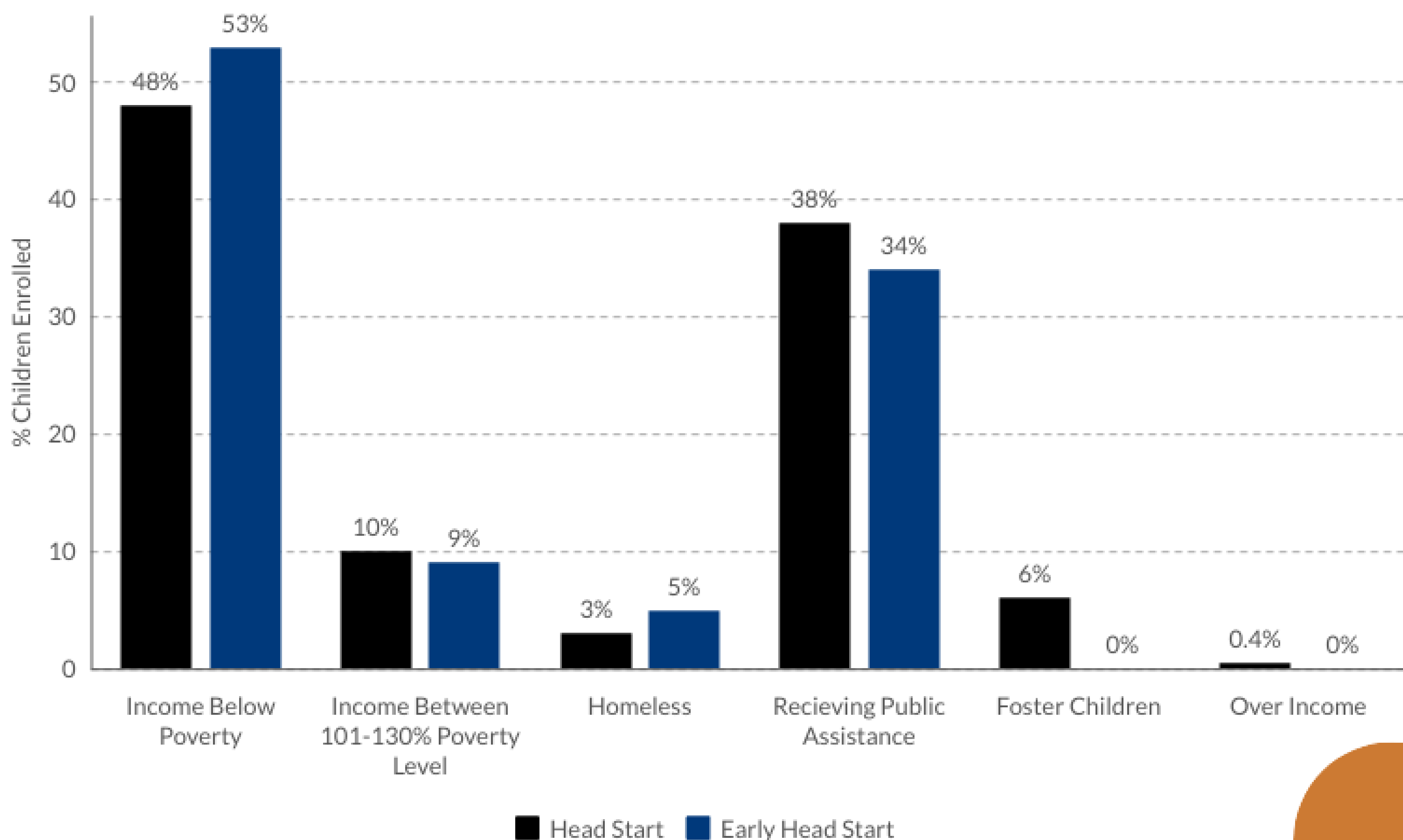
217 Children served in Head Start
Preschool and 38 Children served in
Early Head Start

269 Funded Enrollment for
Head Start Preschool and 58
Funded Enrollment for Early
Head Start.

87.73% Average Monthly Attendance
for Head Start Preschool
74.81% Average Monthly Attendance
for Early Head Start

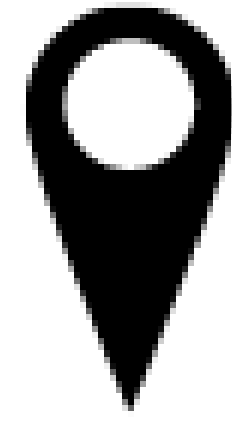
Enrollment by Eligibility

of 206 children enrolled in Head Start and 38 children enrolled in Early Head Start:



Client Demographics

244 children served during the 2023–2024 School Year.



Locations:

25 Early Childhood Classrooms at 12 sites



Ethnicity:

42% Head Start Non Hispanic or Latino

58% Head Start Hispanic or Latino

50% Early Head Start Non Hispanic or Latino

50% Early Head Start Hispanic or Latino



Ages of Children Served:

Head Start

93 - 3 Years Old

113 - 4 Year Olds

0 - 5 Years Old

Early Head Start

7 - Under 1 Year

13 - 1 Years Old

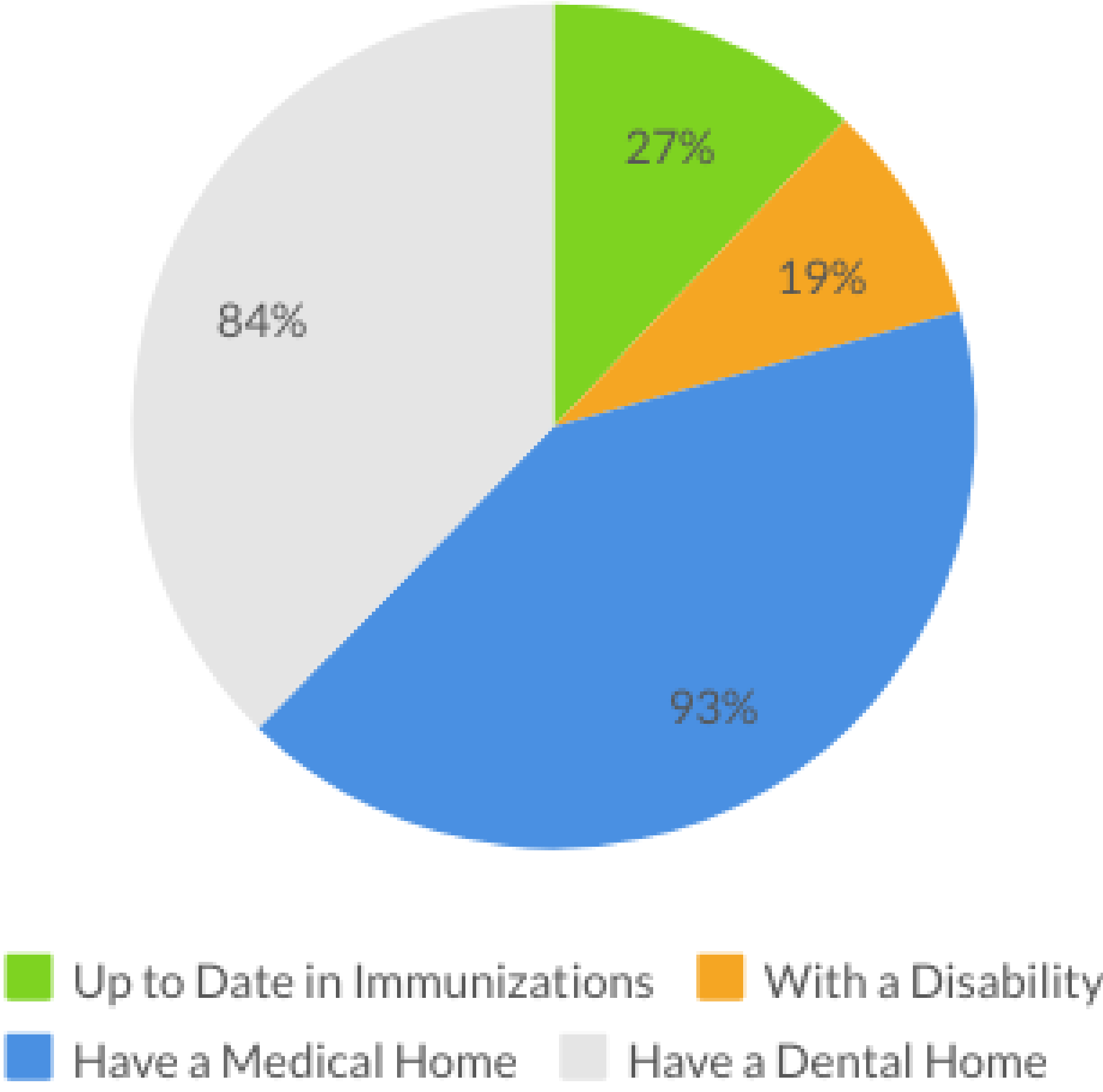
18 - 2 Years Old



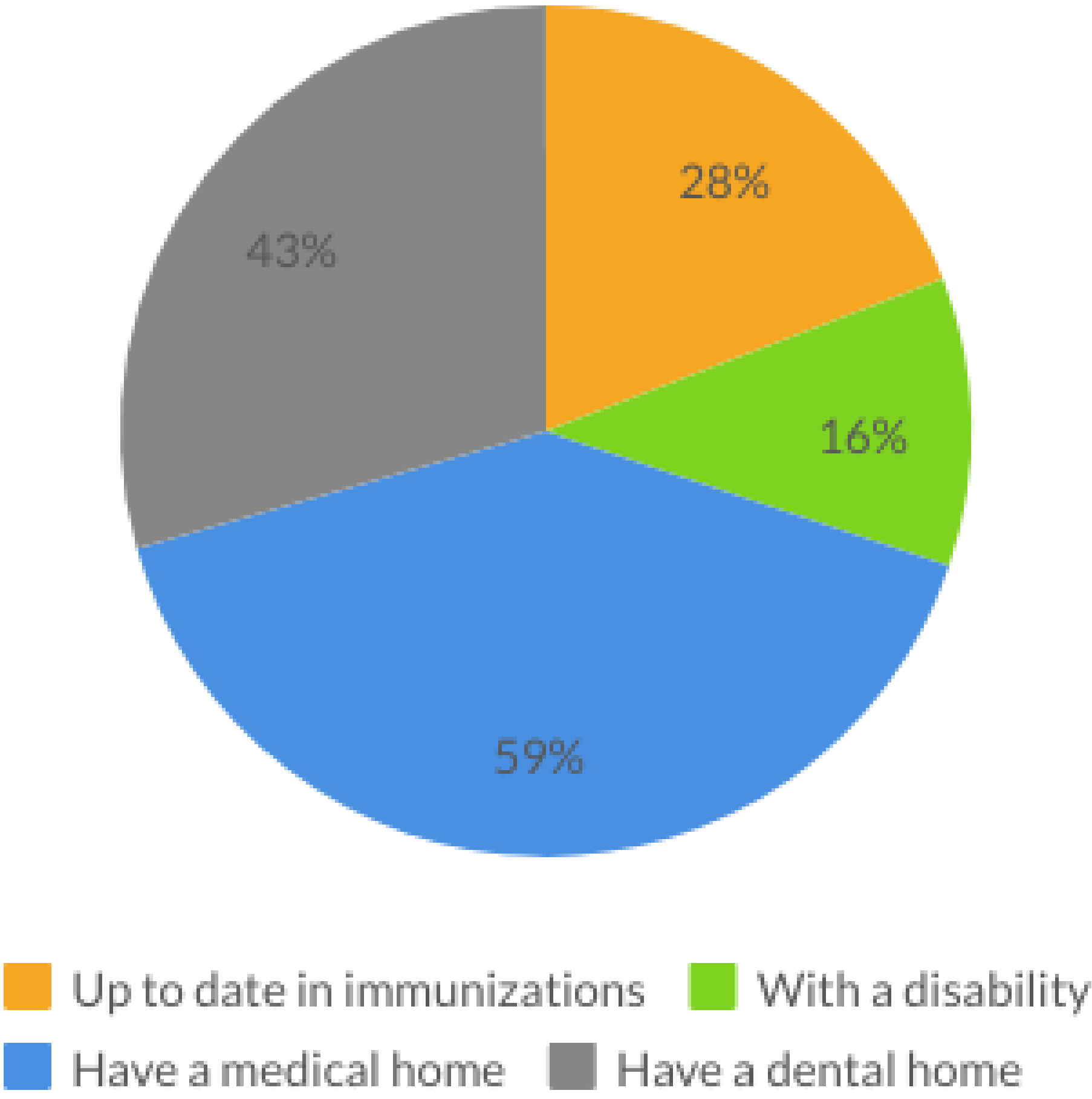
Health & Wellness




Head Start Preschool % Children Enrolled



Early Head Start % Children Enrolled





School Readiness

Preschool staff uses the Creative Curriculum, the Nebraska Early Learning Guidelines, The Head Start Development and Early Learning Framework and School Readiness Goals as a foundation to create developmentally appropriate childhood environments. Parents assisted in developing goals the following categories:



Creative Arts



Science & Logical Thinking Skills



Health & Physical Development



Social/Emotional Development



Mathematics



Approaches to Learning



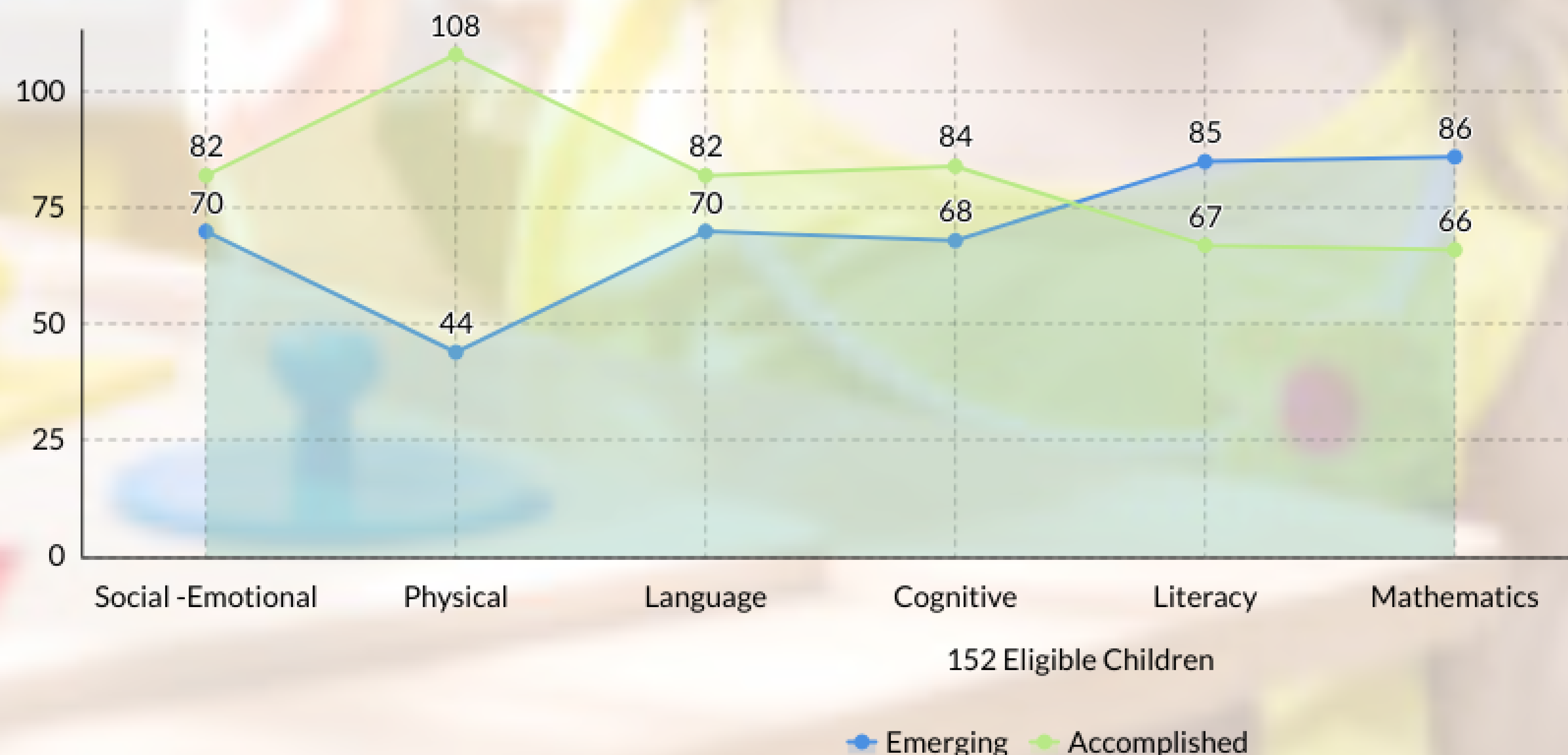
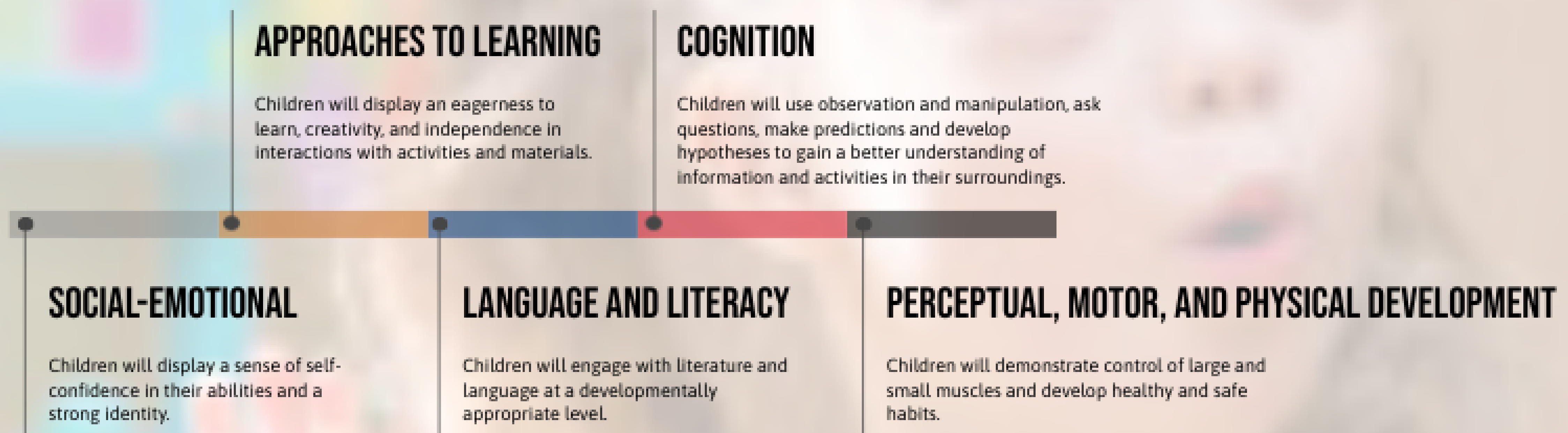
Language & Literacy



English Language Acquisition

Kindergarten Readiness

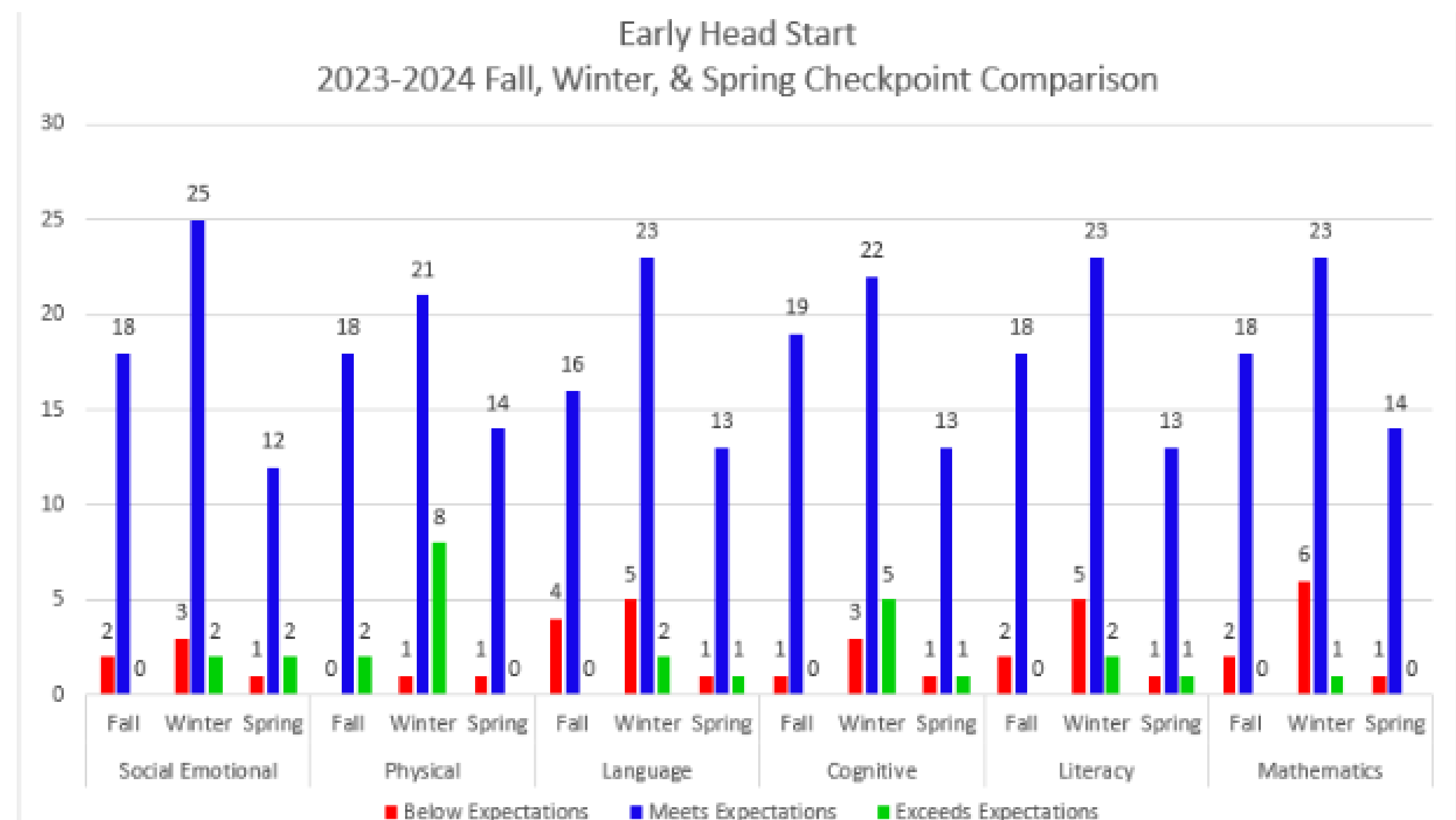
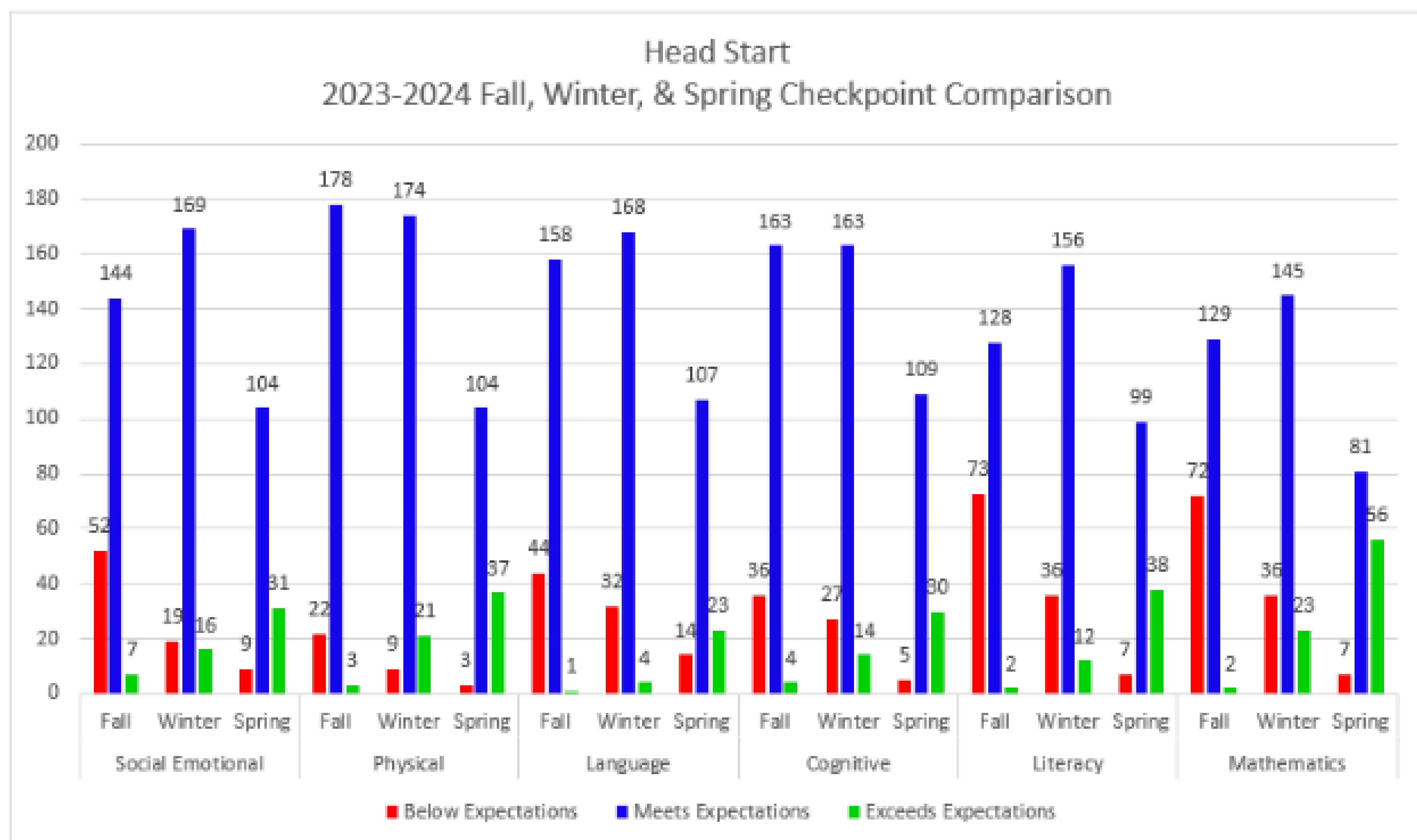
In order to ensure that our students are prepared for kindergarten, the Office of Head Start has established the following five domains for evaluating kindergarten readiness:



Teaching Strategies- GOLD

NENCAP Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start utilize Teaching Strategies Creative Curriculum as the foundation for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers to meet the needs of a wide variety of learners and Teaching Strategies GOLD as the ongoing progress monitoring tool.

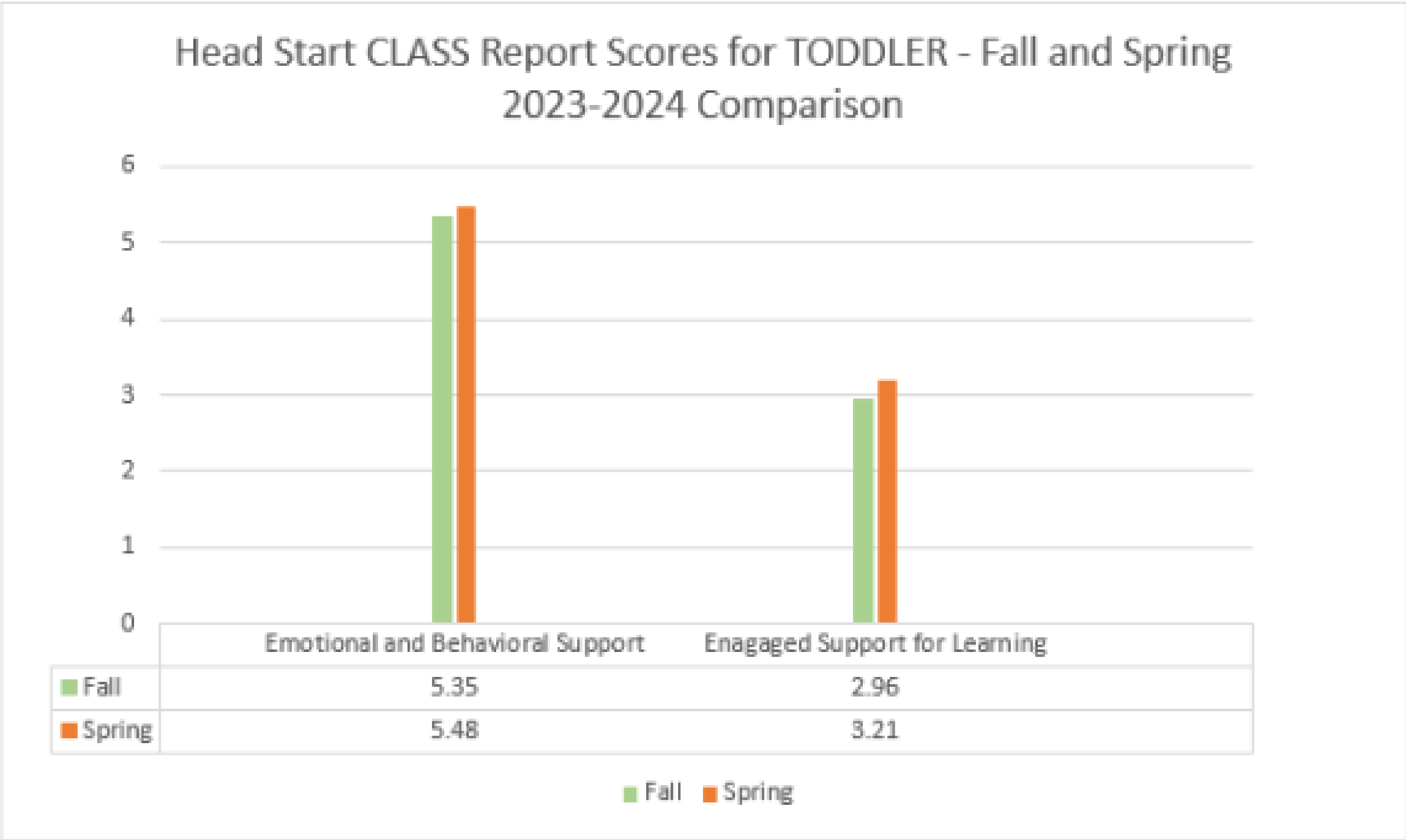
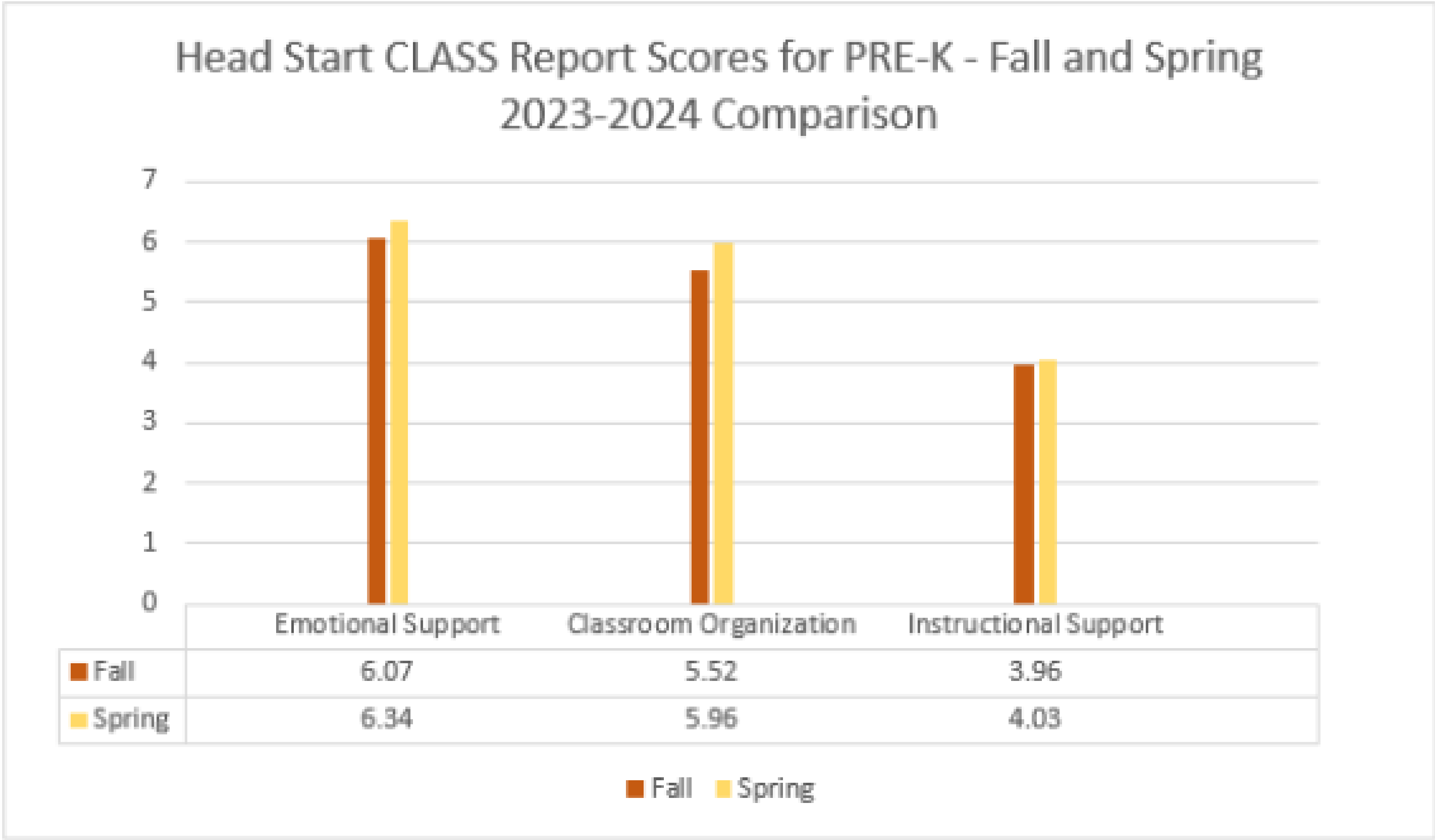
GOLD aligns to the curriculum, the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework, and the Nebraska Early Learning Guidelines. GOLD is based on 38 objectives that include predictors of school success. These tools assist teachers in designing individualized lesson plans and learning experiences to support children in growing to their fullest potential.



Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)

The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) is an observation tool designed to assess the quality of teacher-child interactions in early childhood settings. These daily interactions promote children's social and cognitive development. Children thrive when teachers create nurturing, well-managed settings and provide frequent and engaging opportunities to learn.

The Toddler CLASS tool is for children aged 15-36 months and the Pre-K CLASS tool describes teacher-child interaction for older preschoolers.



Family Engagement



Building relationships between Head Start/Early Head Start and their families is important to the overall success of the programs. Activities are planned based on family interests and staff encourage parents to participate in various opportunities throughout the year.

Activities include parental input into the curriculum, family partnership agreements, family engagement activities, Week of the Young Child activities, Policy Council, family visits, home visits, Health Advisory, parent/teacher conferences, Ready Rosie, transitions into Kindergarten and implementing the Teaching Pyramid Model.

Ready Rosie



Ready Rosie is an early education tool used by Head Start/Early Head Start to deepen Family Engagement efforts. The Ready Rosie video library demonstrates ways that families can create a foundation of routines and healthy habits that provide a positive home environment for brains and bodies to grow and learn. Parents have the opportunity to participate in Ready Rosie videos which are sent home weekly by the Teacher or Family Service Worker. These videos enhance the child/family learning at home.

Office of Head Start Monitoring

There were no reviews done for the 2023–2024 Program Year.

The Office of Head Start assesses compliance through a monitoring system that is aligned with a comprehensive five year continuous oversight plan.



Budgets

The revenue and expenditures below reflect Head Start and Early Head Starts revenue and expenditure during NENCAP's agency fiscal year audit from 10/1/23 – 9/30/24. There were no audit findings.



Revenue

Federal Funds	\$4,414,570
In-kind donations	\$863,870
Other Income	\$1,263
Total Revenue	\$5,279,703

CACFP USDA Reimbursement	\$132,305.49
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Expenditures

Personnel and fringe	\$2,812,420
Professional services	\$77,587
Travel and transportation	\$35,015
Space and other rents	\$238,426
Supplies	\$209,911
Utilities	\$67,864
Other direct costs	\$502,620
Client services	\$2,316
Indirect costs	\$469,674
In-kind	\$863,870

Total expenses	\$5,279,703
CACFP USDA Reimbursement	\$132,305.49

Head Start

Personnel	\$1,645,515
Fringe	\$665,259
Travel	\$3,052
Supplies	\$64,351
Other	\$257,026
Contractual	\$228,265
Indirect	\$386,567
In-kind	\$822,654

Total	\$4,072,689
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Early Head Start

Personnel	\$596,920
Fringe	\$252,674
Travel	\$2,258
Supplies	\$20,660
Other	\$86,161
Contractual	\$4,746
Indirect	\$141,882
In-kind	\$295,666

Total	\$1,400,967
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"Supporting Young Children and their Families to Discover and Develop their Potential throughout Life."
- NENCAP'S HEAD START MISSION STATEMENT

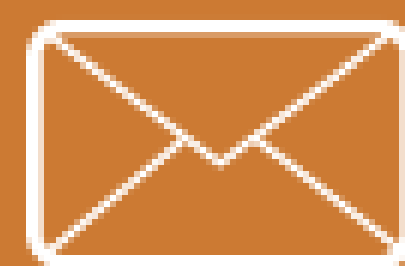




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