

# POLICY IHCG

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-of Teaching, Learning, Leadership, & Research

## Board of Education Las Cruces Public Schools

### ~~K-5~~K-12-PLUS

#### I. PURPOSE

~~The purpose of~~ Policy IHCG ~~is~~ outlines district participation in the K-12 Plus program. The purpose of the program is to increase the amount of time students are learning, especially for the purposes of improving academic achievement outcomes and serving the social and emotional needs of students. ~~.is to provide additional instructional days for students enrolled in grades K-5 to provide support for academic skill development and to provide a safe and nurturing environment to serve the social and emotional needs of students.~~

#### II. BACKGROUND

~~A.~~ The Board of Education recognizes that additional instructional time/days support schools in minimizing learning gaps ~~and meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of students.~~ ~~such as the readiness gap, attendance gap and the “summer slide.”~~ Adding days to the ~~regular school year~~ Expanding the regular school year provides teachers with additional opportunities to fully implement the core curriculum, provide targeted interventions, and offer enrichment as appropriate.

~~B.~~ ~~The purpose of the K-5 Plus program is to demonstrate that increased time in kindergarten through fifth grade provides the opportunity for focused instruction, intervention, and enrichment for students and may narrow the achievement gap between disadvantaged students and other students. K5Plus extends the school year for kindergarten through fifth grade students by providing 25 additional instructional days.~~

#### ~~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 may begin school behind their peers.~~
- ~~3. “The Attendance Gap” means children from low income families may miss many days of school, which causes gaps in learning.~~

- ~~4. “Summer Slide” means children may lose academic progress over the summer months.~~

#### **IV.III. PROCESS**

- A. All education programs within K-5 Plus will be consistent with instructional goals of the district, ensuring both the rigor and the quality of instruction.
- ~~B.~~ The K-~~5-12~~ ~~Plus~~ ~~calendar~~ Plus calendar will be developed in accordance with statute and guidance from the Public Education Department. The district shall determine the start and end dates for the K-~~5-12~~ Plus program, based on available funding from the New Mexico Public Education Department/~~t~~  
~~—The Superintendent shall provide an LCPS school environment where students enrolled in K-5 Plus have access to the appropriate support necessary (computer labs, libraries, music, classrooms and transportation).~~

- ~~C.~~B. The Deputy Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, Leadership, & Research or their designee(s) shall work with principals and the LCPS Finance Department on the completion of K-12~~5~~ Plus Program applications, if required, 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.

- ~~D.~~C. The Deputy Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, Leadership, & Research or their designee(s) will collect, ~~analyze~~analyze, and review program effectiveness at the conclusion of the program and will report results to the Board of Education.

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].

- ~~E.~~D. The Superintendent of Schools shall promulgate a regulation for the enforcement of this policy.

#### **V.IV. REVIEW**

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

Board of Education, President

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Date Approved

**History:** New Policy, 12.09.14, Revised 3.31.21

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