



**Preschool
Plan**

**Ocean
Township
School
District**

2024-2025

Why did we apply for the PreK Expansion Grant?

Research shows that by providing high quality preK students will demonstrate less learning, behavioral and social issues later

High quality inclusive program by providing general education funding



Public PreK programs are required for students with disabilities

Inclusion in PreK results in higher inclusion rates in elementary school

Purpose of NJDOE Preschool Expansion Grant

Provide high quality inclusive preschool program that meets the needs of students by fostering a safe and nurturing environment

Provide a curriculum that is based in imaginative play that fosters self-regulation- (Creative Curriculum)

Develop cohesive Preschool-3 programming with articulation from PreK-K

Early identification of students with developmental delays

Elements of a High Quality Preschool Program

- **District wide planning**
- **Community Collaboration and planning**
- **Parent Involvement**
- **Curriculum development and implementation**
- **Inclusion of children with disabilities in general education to the maximum extent possible**
- **Professional Development and Training**

Elements of a High Quality PreK Program Continued

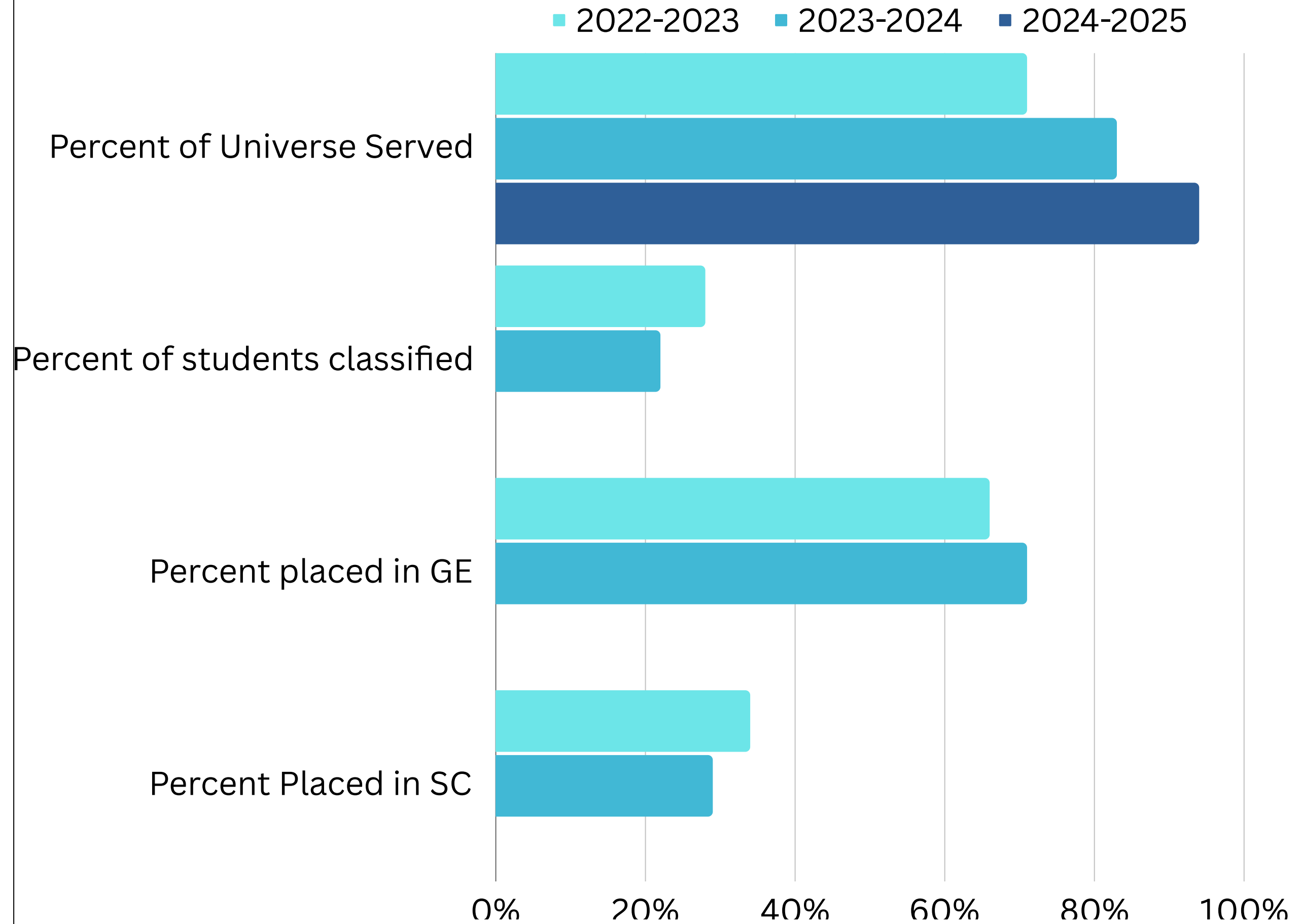


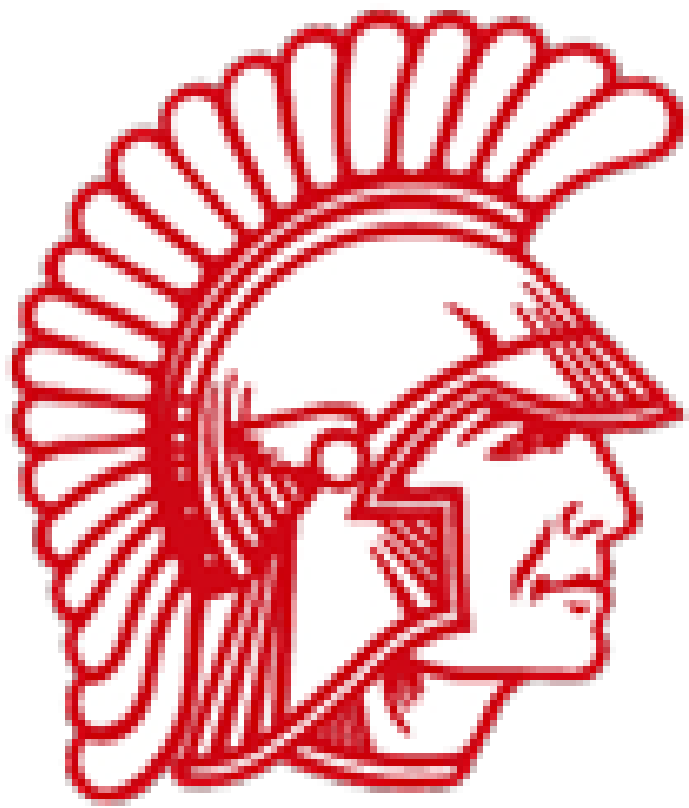
- **Preschool instructional Coaches (PIC)**
- **Community Parent Involvement Specialist (CPIS)**
- **1 Certified Teacher and 1 Aide in each classroom of 15 students**
- **Preschool Interventions and Referral Team (PIRT) Specialist**
- **Social Worker**

Preschool Universe

- The preschool universe is the total estimated preschool population in the community
- Our preschool universe is **422**
- The goal of the preschool expansion grant is to continue to work toward providing free, full day high quality preschool for Ocean Township's preschool universe
- At this time we are reaching **83%**

OT District Results





Plan for 2024-2025

Increase in district classrooms from 19 (serving 285 students) to 22 (serving 330 students)

Continue to partner with Acelero to provide 2 classrooms off site (serving 30 students)

This will increase our preschool universe served to 94%
This may result in NO LOTTERY for 2024-2025 School Year



District Plan 2024-2025 School Year

- Addition of 3 preschool classrooms (2 at Wayside and 1 at OTES)
- Additional Preschool Instructional Coach-Focus ESL
- Board Certified Behavior Analyst (designated PreK)
- Supervisor of Preschool



Additional Goals

- Continue Professional Development
- Improve outdoor playground spaces
- Continue to engage parents through CPIS
- Continue to solicit parent and community input through community feedback survey

