NEW ORLEANS EARLY EDUCATION NETWORK (NOEEN)

COORDINATED ENROLLMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

August 11, 2026

NOEEN | NEW ORLEANS EARLY EDUCATION NETWORK

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

NOEEN | NEW ORLEANS EARLY EDUCATION NETWORK

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

MEMBER	ENTITY REPRESENTED
Thelma French	Early Care & Education Community (At Large)
Dr. Fateama Fulmore	NOLA Public Schools (NOLA-PS)
Amy Hook-Poirier	Orleans Parish Lead Agency
Jonika Julian-Harris	Orleans Parish Lead Agency
Kate Mehok	Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program (LA 4)
Joy Mitchell	Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
Emmy O'Dwyer	Early Care & Education Community (At Large)
Melanie Richardson	Family Child Care Providers
Jen Roberts	NOEEN Nonprofit Corporation Board of Directors
Monique B. Rouege	Early Childhood Education Fund (ECEF)
Rochelle Wilcox	City Seats

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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Motion is to adopt the draft minutes from the:

- *June 2, 2026 NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Meeting*

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

2026-27 ENROLLMENT UPDATES

26-27 ENROLLMENT UPDATE AS OF AUGUST 7, 2026

Funding Source	Total Filled	Seats Offered	Total Allocation	Percentage of Seats Filled	Infants		1 Year Olds		2 Year Olds		3 Year Olds		4 Year Olds	
					Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats	Total Seats	Unfilled Seats
CS	**883**	**15**	**1000**	**88%**	124	45	183	12	312	13	381	34		
ECEF	**647**	**31**	**819**	**75%**	92	45	142	15	239	15	346	49		
EHS	**612**	**6**	**645**	**95%**	78	0	227	11	340	16				
HS	**774**	**11**	**929**	**83%**							478	76	451	68
LA4	**1004**	**17**	**1280**	**78%**									1280	276
NSECD	**314**	**4**	**352**	**89%**							68	0	284	34
Total Seats	**4,234**	**84**	**5,050**	**84%**	**298**	**90**	**560**	**38**	**892**	**44**	**1,275**	**159**	**2,025**	**378**
-48					***70% Filled***		***93% Filled***		***95% Filled***		***88% Filled***		***81% Filled***	

NOLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS | EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE

2026-2027 Timeline

Sept 2026

Open Enrollment Fall Edition

Ongoing 26-27 verifications placements

Sept 1: *Begin Avela discussion*

Sept 4: *LA4 audit*

Sept 15: *EC School Exploration prep begins*

Sept 15: *Review LA4 open seats for decisions*

Oct 2026

27-28 Application Prep

Ongoing 26-27 verifications placements

Oct 15: *Avela changes finalized*

Oct 15: *EC School Exploration meetings begin*

Nov 2026

Main Round Prep

Ongoing 26-27 verifications placements

Media Campaign begins

EC Mighty Minutes for Families of Tiny Tots

Dec 2026

Main Round Prep

Ongoing 26-27 verifications placements

Staff refresher training

December 1

Guarantees uploaded

December 8

EC Mighty Minutes for Providers of Tiny Tots

December 10

Guarantee Office Hours

EC Mighty Minutes for Families of Tiny Tots

Jan 2027

Main Round Launch

Ongoing 26-27 verifications placements

In person verifications begin

Jan 4: *Main Round Application Opens*

Verifications begin

Jan 9: *EC School Exploration Fair*

Jan 15: *Discrepancy report due from providers*

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2026-2027 Timeline

Feb 2027
Main Round Closes

Ongoing 26-27 verifications /placements

Feb 19: *Main round app closes for new applications*

Feb 22 - Feb 26: *Document Submission Period for incomplete applications 5pm*

Document review period begins

Mar 2027
Main Round Match Prep

Ongoing 26-27 verifications /placements

Mar 12: *Document Review period ends 5pm Main Round Application closed*

Mar 12: *Incomplete Family Messages (Getting Ready for Open Enrollment)*

By Mar 13: *Priorities confirmed by NOLA-PS*

Office Hours will be held

Mar 19: *Final guarantee review due*

Apr 2027
Main Round Results Released

Ongoing 26-27 verifications/ placements

BESE Allocations

April 1 – QCC's end

April 29 – *Preliminary Rosters Available for Provider review (all funding sources)*

April 30 *- Match results released* ***(EHS, HS, LA4, NSECD)***

May 2027
Open Enrollment Prep

Ongoing 26-27 verifications/ placements

May 3: *Deactivation Requests begin for declined seats*

May 21:*Registration Deadline*

Deactivation Requests begin families who missed registration deadline

May 31: *2025-2026 Open Enrollment Ends*

2026-2027 *application closes*

June 2027
Open Enrollment

Ongoing 26-27 verification/ placements

June 1: *Open Enrollment begins (Early Head Start, Head Start, LA4, NSECD)*

TBD: Open Enrollment begins (City Seats, ECEF)

Summer In-person verifications

TUESDAYS in JUNE, JULY & AUGUST

Open Enrollment Placement

June 1, 2026

- New Placement Offers – EHS, HS, LA4, NSECD, PK4PF, PK4T2, T(LA) & T(OR)
  - Daily Offers: June 1st – 12th offers were made daily
  - Standard Offer Cadence: Resumed Monday, June 15th

July// August 2026

- New Placement Offers – CS, ECEF
  - Daily Offers: July 21st - August 7th offers were made daily
  - Standard Offer Cadence: Resumed Monday, August 10th

Standard Offers Cadence: offers are made on Mondays & Thursdays (**families have 3 business days to accept/decline an offer**)

Waitlist Management

September 1, 2026

- Avela will remove school choices from applications of students with **accepted seats**.

  This change is meant to help reduce waitlists and give students a better chance of securing a placement.

  Communication to families (email & text) will be sent via Avela, in addition to messaging on the Early Childhood website.

  We encourage families to use the Seat Availability Chart to make informed decisions based on waitlist length and available seats.

Waitlist Management

Students with Placements

•Students with a placement in their first-choice center/school will be removed from all waitlist.

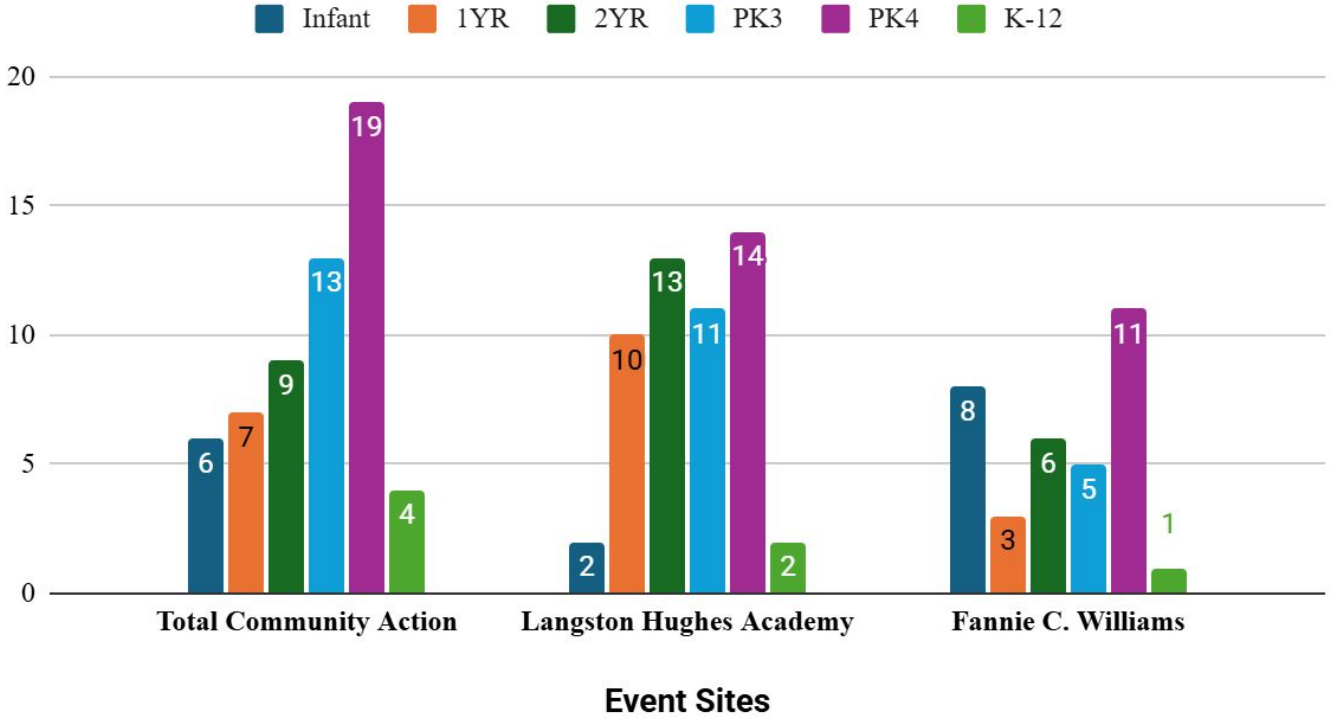
•Students with placements in their second through eight-choice center/school will remain waitlisted for their eligible, highest ranked center/school.

Students without Placements

•Students will remain waitlisted for all their school choices until they accept a placement

Early Childhood
Friday Summer Events

Summer Fridays June Events Data by Age



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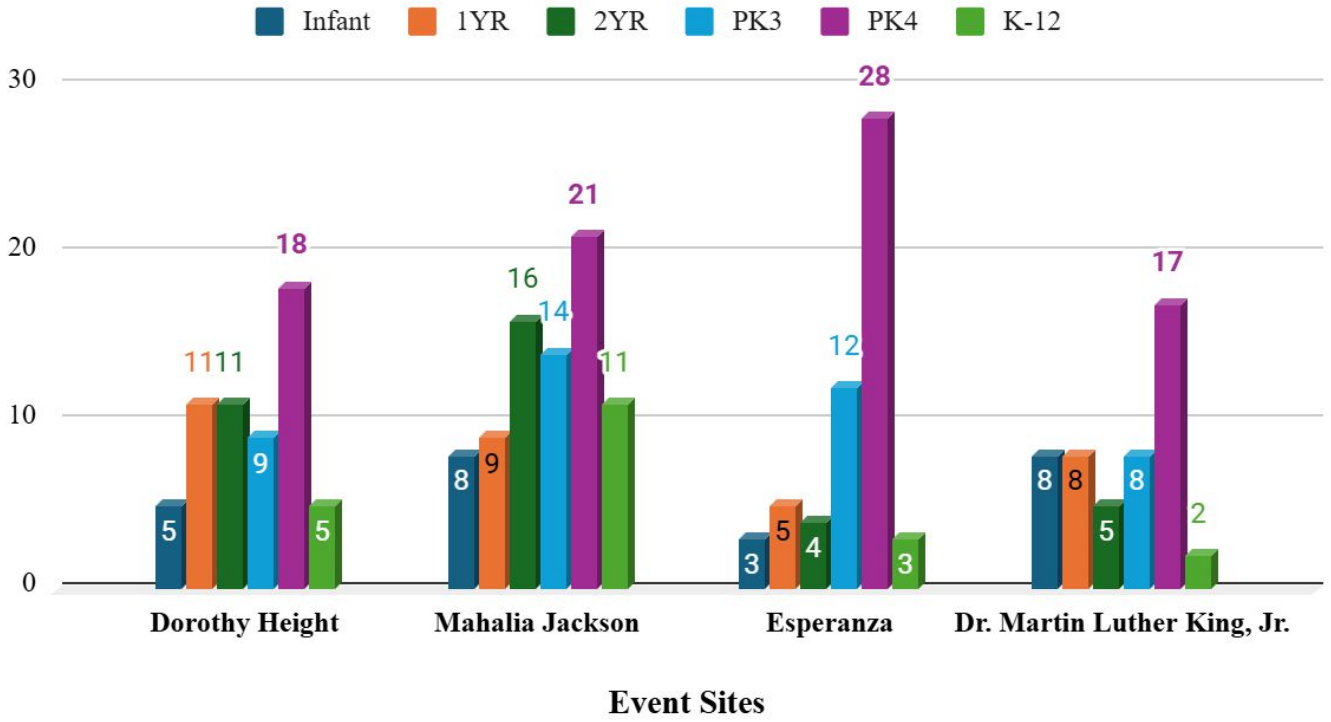

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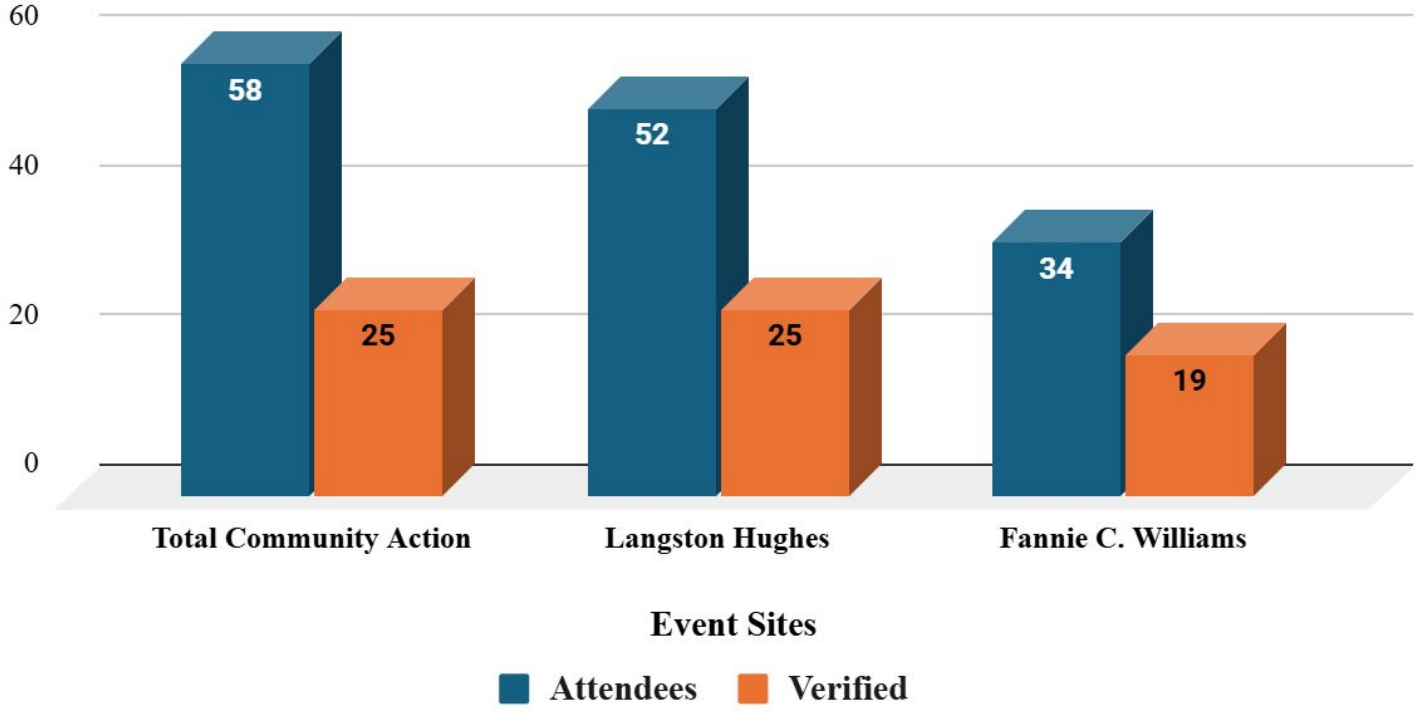

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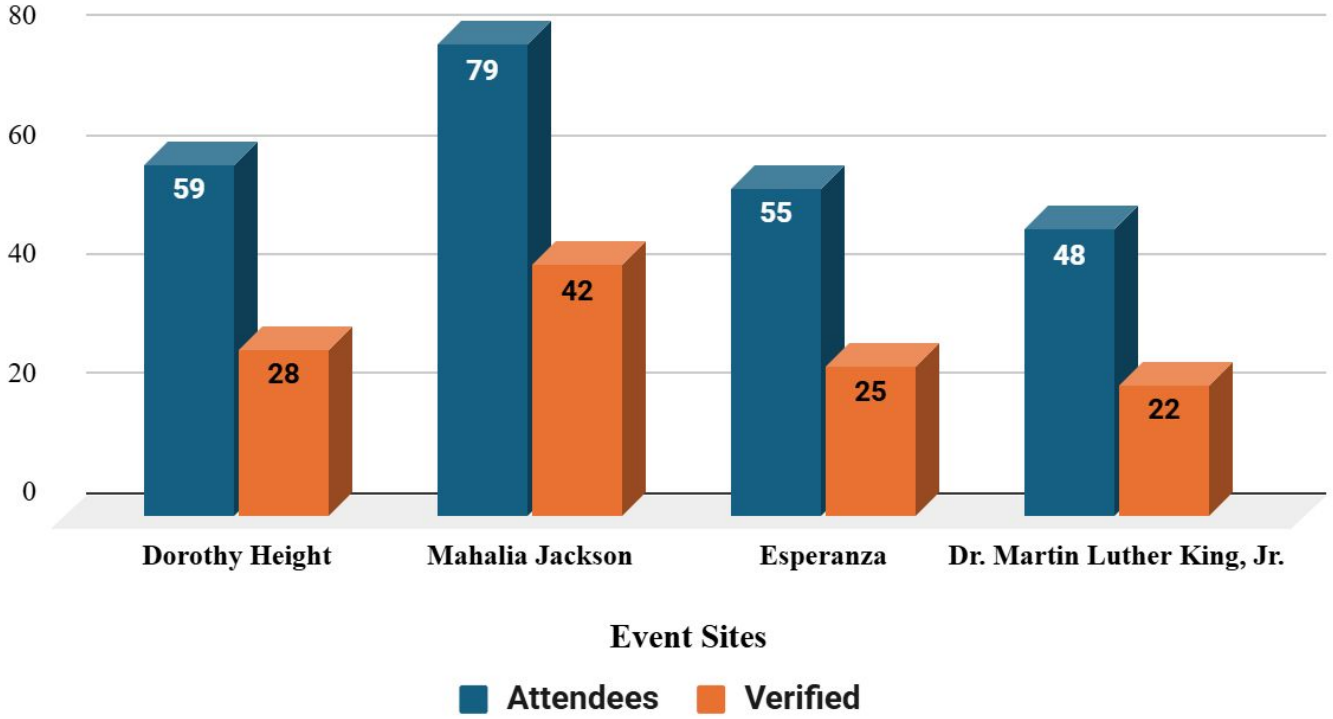
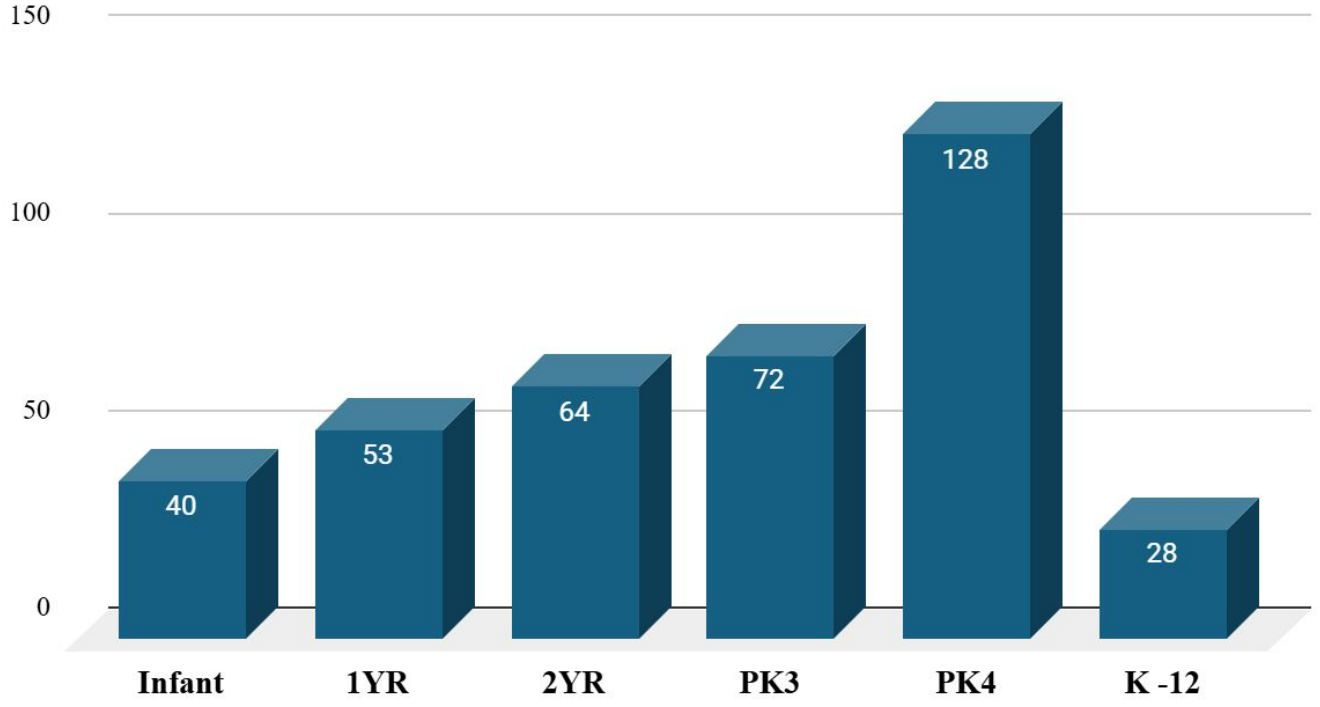


Cumulative Total by Age– Summer Fridays Verification Events



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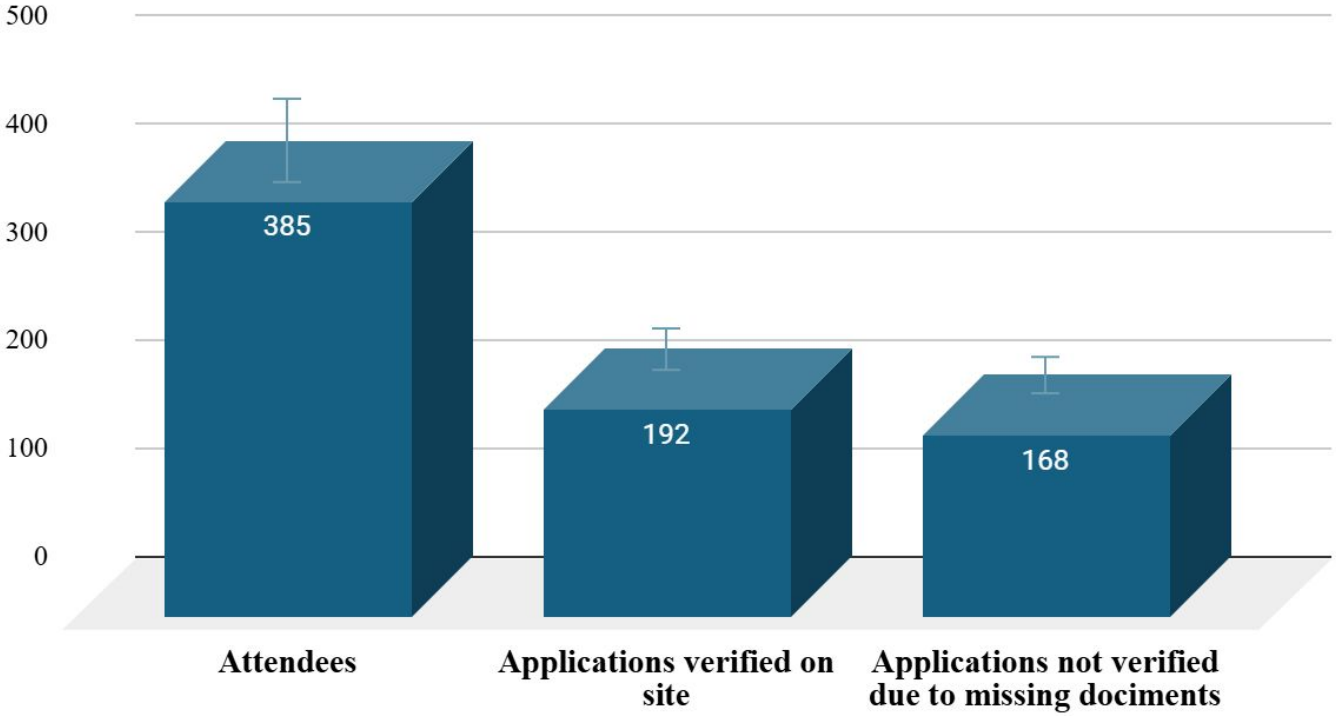

August Events

ReNEW Moton

August 7, 2026

8550 Curran Blvd

New Orleans, LA 70127

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

1:00 PM cutoff so we can finish everyone who made it before 1 by 1:30 PM – out of respect for host location

Total Community Action

August 21, 2026

1416 S Norman C Francis Pkwy

New Orleans, LA 70125

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Mahalia Jackson Elementary School

August 14, 2026

2405 Mahalia Jackson Ave

New Orleans, LA 70113

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

1:00 PM cutoff so we can finish everyone who made it before 1 by 1:30 PM – out of respect for host location

KIPP East

August 28, 2026

6519 Virgilian St,

New Orleans, LA 70126

9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

1:00 PM cutoff so we can finish everyone who made it before 1 by 1:30 PM – out of respect for host location

NOLA PUBLIC SCHOOLS | EARLY LEARNING & CHILD CARE

WE WOULD LIKE TO HOST AN EARLY LEARNING VERIFICATION EVENT AT YOUR SITE!

Are you interested in providing essential support to families in your community? The NOLA-PS Early Learning & Childcare Team is looking to partner with local centers and schools to host Early Learning Verification events.

Host an In-person Event

INTERESTED?

Contact us today by sending an email to hkelly@nolapublicschools.com (with the subject line (“Host Verification Event”) to learn more and schedule an event at your site.

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Family Access

Next Phase of Campaign

Reasons to Enroll made its case through the voices of parents, center directors, district leaders, and a non-profit leader.

The next campaign will feature the people families ask about most, and the one voice we have not yet put on camera: the teachers in the classroom.

The platform carries from its October launch through the November - December teaser flight and into the Main Round application opening on January 4, 2027.

PREVIOUS PLATFORM

Reasons to Enroll

Parents · Center directors · District staff

Remains in rotation alongside the new series.

↓

2027–2028 MAIN ROUND

Untitled Campaign

Early childhood, kindergarten, and 3rd grade teachers, in their own words.

Video and photography

Timeline

OCT 2026

Campaign launch

Teacher testimonial production and first rollout across owned channels.

NOV–DEC 2026

Main Round teaser flight

Paid media builds awareness ahead of the application window.

JAN 4, 2027

Main Round application opens

Full campaign runs January through March.

APR–SEP 2027

Open Enrollment

Application opens June 1. Rolling seat placement and multilingual in-person support.

SEASONAL

Verification events

Fall, winter, and summer, with dates set each season.

Live Creatives

Application Guide

Eligibility, required documents, completing the application, and checking status.

Six-language editions

English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, French, and Arabic.

EC Explore Tool

Interactive map of early childhood sites citywide, with search and filtering.

Availability Chart

Seats by school, funding source, grade level, and waitlist status. Updated weekly.

Sample Documents Tool

Searchable visual examples of accepted verification documents.

Reasons to Enroll series

Parent, director, and staff testimonial library — still in rotation.

In production and refreshing for the new cycle

IN DEVELOPMENT

Untitled teacher series

Testimonial video and photography featuring early childhood teachers, cut for broadcast, social, and site use.

REFRESH

Application Guide (seven languages)

Full guide and every translated edition updated for the 2027–2028 cycle.

REFRESH

Exploration Fair flyers

Family passport with stamp and sticker pages guiding families through the fair.

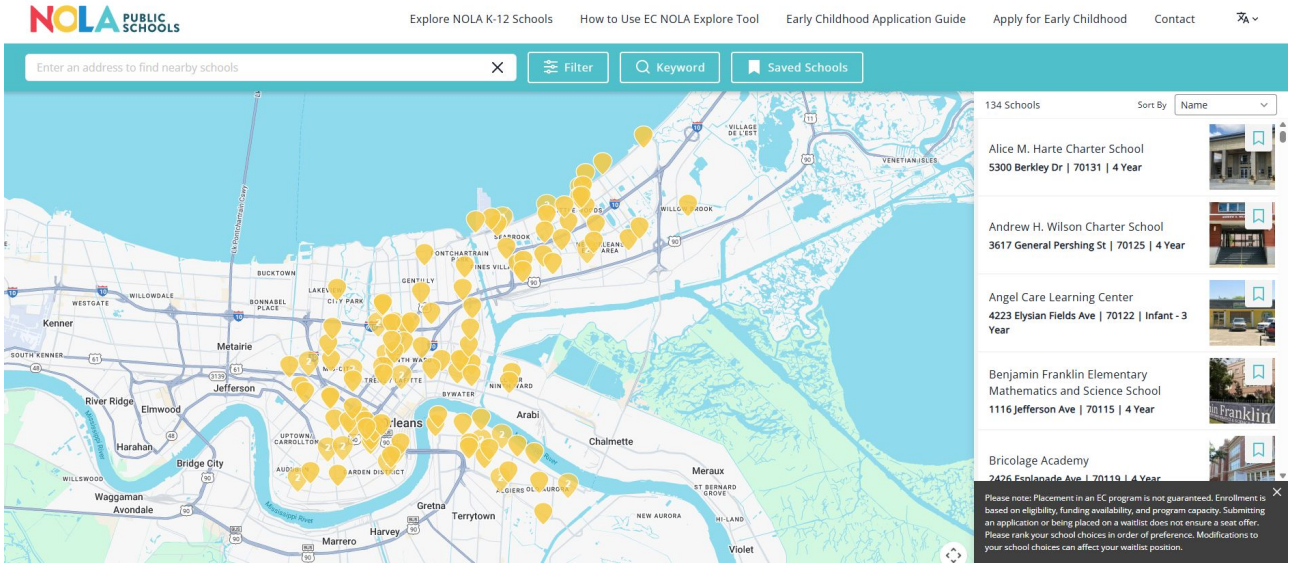
REFRESH

Application Language

Application verbiage changes led by App Working Group

EC Explore Tool Update

Link: https://ecnola.explore.avela.org/



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2026-2027 CFR SEAT ALLOCATIONS

Activities to Date

August 2026

ECEF & CITY SEATS ALLOCATION ACTIVITIES TO DATE: FUNDING REDUCTION

$3,646,280

Total 26-27 **reduction** in funding
(versus 25-26 program year)

$2,146,280

Early Childhood Education Millage (↓**9%**)
City of New Orleans

$1,500,000

Early Childhood Education Fund (↓**7%**)
State of Louisiana Match

ECEF & CITY SEATS ALLOCATION ACTIVITIES TO DATE: APPROACHES TO FUNDING CUTS

December 2025

The NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee developed and approved a set of Publicly-Funded Seat Allocation Priorities to guide the 2026-2027 CFR process, anticipating that funding may increase, remain stable, or decrease.

June 2026

Funding for the 2026-2027 program year was confirmed. Combined revenue from the Early Childhood Education Millage and the Early Childhood Education Fund came in **$3.6 million below** the prior year's total.

July 2026

The NOEEN Steering Committee reviewed how the established priorities informed seat allocation decisions in response to this year's funding reduction.

The Steering Committee then approved the 2026-2027 program year ECEF and City Seats sites.

REMINDER: 2026-2027 PUBLICLY-FUNDED SEAT ALLOCATION PRIORITIES

In December 2025, the NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee developed and approved the following **Publicly-Funded Seat Allocation Priorities** to guide the CFR process in various funding scenarios (numbered in order of the priority):

Reduction in Funding	Stable Funding	Increase in Funding
1. Current qualifying publicly-funded seat program participating providers (returning/existing providers) - Continuity of Program 2. Children currently in ECEF and City Seats (Continuity of Care)	1. Current qualifying publicly-funded seat program participating providers (returning/existing providers) - Continuity of Program 2. Children currently in ECEF and City Seats (Continuity of Care) 3. Continuity of Allocation for Existing Qualified providers 4. Children currently in Early Head Start Seats in Existing CS and ECEF programs (Continuity of Care of EHS) - if seats become open from sites no longer eligible OR new qualifying providers if seats become open from sites no longer eligible	1. Current qualifying publicly-funded seat program participating providers (returning/existing providers) - Continuity of Program 2. Children currently in ECEF and City Seats (Continuity of Care) 3. Continuity of Allocation for Existing Qualified providers 4. Children currently in Early Head Start Seats in Existing CS and ECEF programs (Continuity of Care) 5. Siblings of current ECEF and City Seats children 6. Children of teachers who work in any Type III center 7. Infants born between July and August 8. New qualifying providers

ECEF & CITY SEATS ALLOCATION ACTIVITIES TO DATE: APPROACH TO FUNDING REDUCTIONS

The priorities the sub-committee voted on in December provided a priority framework for approaching funding reductions. Once the the actual amount of funding became known, it became clear that maintaining our commitment to children requires allocating a larger proportion of our resources to seats.

We were able to preserve access despite overall funding reductions and use the framework to inform 26-27 allocations by:

- **Reducing ECEF and City Seats spending on capacity building and quality improvements**
- **Maintaining** City Seats required seat funding ($12M for 1,000 seats)
- **Maintaining** ECEF spending for seats, allowing us to serve 810 children
- **Implementing priorities 1-7 as part of the overall allocation strategy.** Upon further analysis, these priorities can be achieved without new funding.

ECEF & CITY SEATS ALLOCATION ACTIVITIES TO DATE: PROPOSED APPROACH TO REDUCTIONS – IMPLEMENTING PRIORITIES 1-7

Many of the CFR priorities approved in December 2025 were largely achievable by maintaining level funding for seats.

- Specifically, priorities 4-7 are enrollment and allocation priorities that shape which children receive priority and how seats are distributed across age groups at each site
    - e.g., the Early Head Start priority doesn't call for new seats. It requires that affected centers' allocations include enough three year-old seats to accommodate children aging up from Early Head Start at that site.

- By reducing non-seat spending and incorporating priorities 4-7 in the allocation process, the network achieved seven out of eight priorities set by the Steering Committee in December 2025, **despite a $3.6M reduction in available funding**.

REMINDER: 2026-2027 PUBLICLY-FUNDED SEAT ALLOCATION PRIORITIES

- ✅ Current qualifying publicly-funded seat program participating providers (returning/existing providers) - Continuity of Program
- ✅ Children currently in ECEF and City Seats (Continuity of Care)
- ✅ Continuity of Allocation for Existing Qualified providers
- ✅ Children currently in Early Head Start Seats in Existing CS and ECEF programs (Continuity of Care)
- ✅ Siblings of current ECEF and City Seats children
- ✅ Children of teachers who work in any Type III center
- ✅ Infants born between July and August
- X New qualifying providers

ECEF & CITY SEATS ALLOCATIONS ACTIVITIES TO DATE: 2026-2027 SEAT ALLOCATIONS

Returning City Seats and/or ECEF sites were eligible for seats in the 2026-2027 program year if they met the following criteria through the CFR process initiated in Fall 2025:

- **A 2024-2025 Performance Profile rating of Proficient or higher**
- **An overall CFR score of at least 1.0 out of 3.0 possible points**

Of the returning sites, 47 were eligible for ECEF and/or City Seats seat allocations for 2026-2027*, and one returning site was ineligible due to a Performance Profile rating of Approaching Proficient.

For a full list of qualified returning sites, see the “2026-2027 Coordinated Funding Request Recommendations” handout.

New Sites that were deemed “Eligible for seats if funding is available” via the CFR Seat Application process will not receive seats in 2026-2027 due to insufficient funding.

**These sites will be included in the NOLA-PS ECE Enrollment Application for the 2026-2027 program year.*

2026-2027 CFR SEAT ALLOCATIONS

Reallocations

August 2026

2026-2027 CFR SEAT REALLOCATIONS: LDOE REQUIREMENTS & CFR SEAT REALLOCATION PROCESS

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) requires that all City Seats and ECEF Seats allocated for the 2026-2027 program year are filled by September 15, 2026.

NEW - CFR Seat Reallocation Process: In response to the LDOE requirement, the reallocation process was created to ensure that all allocated seats are filled by this date.

As part of this process, providers who received ECEF and/or City Seats were notified that all 2026-2027 ECEF or City Seats not filled by September 15, 2026 are subject to reallocation to other sites. This notification was included in their 2026-2027 Allocation Letter distributed on July 22, 2026.

NEW - Change of Allocation Request Form: Providers who wanted to change their 2026-2027 allocations were required to complete a "Change of Allocation Request Form." These forms were sent out on Thursday, July 30 and had to be returned by Tuesday, August 4 by 5:00 p.m.

2026-2027 CFR SEAT REALLOCATIONS: ALLOCATION CHANGES TO DATE

Since original seat allocations went out on July 22, 2026, the total number of allocated seats has decreased for two reasons: providers decreased their allocations from their original requests (via Change of Allocation Forms), and one provider's unexpected closure on July 31, 2026.

Further reductions are likely. Providers have until September 15 to fill their allocated seats; any seats still unfilled after that deadline will be subject to additional reallocation.

Given this deadline and the reductions already underway, we need a strategy now for reallocating seats for the 2026-2027 program year.

2026-2027 CFR SEAT REALLOCATIONS: SEATS ALLOCATION UPDATES*

As of August 10, 2026, there are a total of 42 unallocated seats from allocation change requests and a recent publicly-funded site closure.

- **25 unallocated City Seats**
- **17 unallocated ECEF Seats (estimated)**

**Seat allocation numbers included on this slide are subject to change due.*

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2026-2027 CFR SEAT REALLOCATIONS: NOEEN COORDINATED SUBCOMMITTEE ROLE

The Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee is tasked with reviewing and approving reallocation strategies for the 2026-2027 program year.

The initial seat allocations included the implementation of 7 out of the 8 total 2026-2027 Publicly-Funded Seat Allocation Priorities developed by the NOEEN Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee in December 2025. The remaining priority, Priority 8, is allocating seats to new providers.

In alignment with the priorities set forth by the Subcommittee, and based on the funding available, **we can allocate unallocated/returned ECEF and City seats to the 3 new providers who have the highest 2026-2027 CFR Seat Application scores.**

- These providers will receive a matched allocation of City and ECEF seats for the 2026-2027 program.
- As of September 15, any unfilled seats will be used at the seat administrator's discretion to accomplish priorities such as sibling unification, target changes based on demand, and reallocation of funding to quality initiatives (for ECEF seats only).

2026-2027 CFR SEAT REALLOCATIONS: NOEEN COORDINATED SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION ITEM

Approval of 2026-2027 CFR Reallocation Strategy for Unfilled Seats

Suggested Motion: Motion is to approve allocating unallocated/returned ECEF and City seats to the 3 new providers who have the highest 2026-2027 CFR Seat Application scores.

- Discussion
- Public Comment
- Vote

**Only seat funding from ECEF seats can be reallocated because a total of 1,000 City Seats must be allocated and enrolled during the 2026-2027 program year.*

2026-2027 CFR SEAT REALLOCATIONS: NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of the 2026-2027 CFR reallocation strategies for unfilled seats, the Network Access and Enrollment team will implement these strategies and prepare a list of recommended sites for new seat allocations.

A list of recommended sites will be presented to the NOEEN Steering Committee during the August meeting for review and approval.

August NOEEN Steering Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2026
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
NOLA Public Schools , 2401 Westbend Parkway, NOLA 70114

DISCUSSION

OPEN FORUM

FUTURE MEETINGS

Steering Committee Meetings

(Every Third Wednesday of the Month)

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- August 19
- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 16
- January 20
- March 17
- April 21
- May 19
- June 16

Coordinated Enrollment Subcommittee Meetings

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. @ NOLA-PS

- September 8
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8
- January 12
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11
- June 8

Note: No meetings scheduled for July 2026 and February 2027

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