

White Sulphur Springs Primary Preparatory School

Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade students

The Program

The White Sulphur Springs Primary Preparatory School provides an 11-month educational preparatory school following a 10-month mandatory calendar and a 4-week summer component to improve kindergarten and first grade readiness skills and to strengthen student cognitive and social foundations.

The program's individual learning plans consist of educational objectives each student must master upon exiting the program. The plans can and do include Title I remediation, gifted and talented enrichment for all students, developmentally appropriate practices, and reduced class size. Learning Center style classroom configurations encourage exploration, creative thinking/problem solving skills, and team social interactions. Instruction includes whole group and individualized instruction, student-focused learning centers, math manipulative, and the use of tactile stimuli.

Parents collaborate with the teacher regarding the examination, development, discussion, and implementation of the individual learning plans.

Results

In the first year, more than half of the first grade students improved two full reading levels after program participation; the balance of the first grade students improved by one reading level. Kindergarten students demonstrated improved familiarity with expected routines, greater letter recognition, and enhanced book and reading readiness. Since the implementation of the preparatory school, only 5% of the students are retained, 5% receive remedial services, and double the number of kindergarten students enter first grade reading above grade level.



Learning Standards

This program provides learning experiences to address each of the major learning standard content areas.

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