



C.A.R.D. Head Start

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To: Broken Arrow Public Schools

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C.A.R.D. Head Start

Subject: **2021-2022** Preschool Education Program Agreement

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to describe the responsibilities of each agency and to provide guidance for coordination between local education and Head Start in order to:

1. Assure that children in need of special education or special education, and related services receive appropriate services for which are eligible; and
2. Assure quality programs and reasonable and appropriate service through the joint utilization of resources

ESSA Title I, Part A and Head Start Act

LEA (Local Education Agency)/ Head Start Coordination Guidance

The ESEA, as amended by every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), requires LEAs receiving Title I funds to develop agreements with Head Start and, other early childhood providers to increase coordination. The LEA ensures that IDEA part B Section 619, (preschool) funds received for the provision of services to eligible children with disabilities ages three through five who are serviced The IDEA Part B, The LEA ensures The goal of this coordination is to provide higher-quality learning experiences and a more seamless transition to kindergarten.

The following activities must be addressed in a formal agreement between the LEA and C.A.R.D. Head Start. Agreements should be tailored to suit the community's unique needs and consider a comprehensive approach, rooted in best practices.

Check to indicate that each activity will be addressed in this formal agreement.

- 1a. Developing and implanting a systematic procedure for speech screenings and evaluations on referred children (within 45 days for speech screenings, 90 days for speech evaluation and placement recommendations),
- 1 b. Receiving records regarding such children, with parent consent, from Head Start Program
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- 1d. Least restrictive environment/with possible enrollment
- 1e. Participation in the development of the Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- 2. Establishing channels of communication between LEA and C.A.R.D. Head Start to facilitate coordination of programs;
- 3. Conducting meetings involving parents, pre-K, kindergarten, and Head Start staff (FSR, teachers, managers and specialist) to discuss the developmental and other needs of the individual children;
- 4. Organizing and participating in joint-related training of school staff, Head Start program staff, and, where appropriate, other early childhood education program staff;
- 5. Developing and implementing a family outreach, and importance of involvement in their children's academic success.

Resources:

Toolkit: New Early Childhood Coordination Requirements in ESSA
Coordination Requirements in Head Start Act and ESSA

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School District Name: Broken Arrow Public School

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