



HERITAGE HEADSTART

A brief history of one of the oldest and most ethnically diverse preschools in Washington state.

1994



Highline Head Start Parent Organization is founded as PSESD supported program.

1999



The program is named **Head Start Learning Center** with a novel vision of becoming a learning center, with two full day classes at the Seola site. During this period, the center served 152 children and families across three sites.

2000



The Center changes it's name to **Highline Head Start**- with 8 part day classrooms and two full day classrooms - in White Center. Later classes expand to Burien Park and Rec.

2016



The center changes its name to **Heritage Head Start**, evolving to a six hour program model, rising to meet the growing demands and increasing interest in a bilingual language program.

2018



Heritage Head Start fully implements Spanish dual language classrooms and continues to incorporate children's cultural background and heritage into the curriculum and daily activities.

PRESENT



The goal of Heritage Head Start (HHS) today is to include more languages in the bilingual preschool model, predominantly Somali and Arabic. HHS continues to ensure we meet the early educational needs of the diverse families we serve in the White Center community.