

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS: 2212P

The District may offer preschool programs such as Special Education Preschool, Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program, and Head Start. The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program and Head Start are offered through State and Federal funding.

- The **Special Education Preschool** program shall comply with all State and Federal requirements relating to the education of students ages three (3) to five (5) who have been identified with a disability.
 - A Letter of Agreement shall be maintained between the Puget Sound Educational Service District (grantee) and the Federal Way Public Schools (sub-contractor) outlining the contracted terms and funding level of the **Head Start** program.
 - A Letter of Agreement shall be maintained between the Puget Sound Education Service District (grantee) and Federal Way Public Schools (sub-contractor) outlining the contracted terms and funding level of the **Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program**.

The preschool program shall be designed for the purpose of fostering the development of young children's intellectual, social, emotional and psychomotor skills. Attention will be given toward developing gross and fine motor skills, visual and auditory discrimination and language development in an environment that enhances the student's emotional and social development. Programs will be designed to meet State and Federal guidelines.

- The **Special Education Preschool** program shall utilize developmentally appropriate practices that address the individual needs of each student as outlined by his/her Individual Education Program (IEP). Services for preschool students fall under two categories: those with identified disabilities and those who are typically developing. A tuition fee is required for the provision of services for typically developing preschool children.
- **Head Start** shall conduct program activities in conformance with Puget Sound Educational Service District Head Start Service Plan as approved by the Head Start Policy Council. These activities must meet ~~its~~ Performance Standards 45-CFR 1304 of the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children, Youth and Families.
- **ECEAP:** The ECEAP program shall deliver comprehensive preschool services within the required components of program administration, education, health services, social services and family involvement.