

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Office of Academics
Early Childhood Education

2026-2027 Head Start Policy Council Information

What is Policy Council?

Policy Council is comprised of parents whose child(ren) are enrolled in the Head Start Preschool/Early Head Start program, as well as community representatives. Policy Council members have the responsibility of making sure that the voices of parents are heard. Parents and community representatives drive the decisions, policies and procedures of the Head Start Preschool/Early Head Start program.

Why should I participate in Policy Council?

Parent members of Policy Council:

- Assist in planning and developing goals
- Participate in subcommittees for ongoing special events such as field trips and cultural activities
- Participate in conducting a program self-assessment
- Serve as a voice to the general community

Benefits of Policy Council

- Offers a voice for parents to become a part of the decision-making process
- Strengthens home to school relationships
- Provides opportunities to meet and network with other Head Start Preschool/Early Head Start parents as well as community agencies

Policy Council members will be elected at the Parent Committee meetings. Parent Committee meetings for the 2026-2027 school year will be held face-to-face with a virtual option. Emails specific to individual Parent Committee meetings will be sent to parents/guardians of Head Start children for each cohort outlining the date, time and location to attend each meeting.

Policy Council meetings will be held face to face with a virtual option, on the dates listed below, and additional meeting information will be posted on the Head Start Website. All parents are invited to attend Policy Council meetings. Policy Council members are encouraged to attend meetings face-to-face as all documents that are required by the Office of Head Start will be voted on through a physical quorum.

2026-2027 Policy Council Meeting Dates/Times

August 20, 2026 (2025-2026 Closeout meeting)
September 24, 2026
October 22, 2026
November 19, 2026
January 28, 2027
February 25, 2027
March 18, 2027
April 22, 2027
May 20, 2027

***Meetings will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.**

*Flyers will be available monthly with location details and TEAMS link to attend virtual meetings.