



Head Start/Early Intervention

Policy 6000.6 Revision

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New Head Start Performance Standards

- Revised Head Start Performance Standards were released in Fall 2016
- The old version was made up of **eleven** sections
- The new version was streamlined to **five** sections
- Burdensome and/or redundant standards were removed
 - Shift from compliance to outcomes-based
- New Performance Standards allow for local innovation
 - Ability to waive certain structural requirements if it meets the needs of the community



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Changes to Performance Standards

Five big changes

1. Changing requirement from half day to full day programs
2. Limiting suspension and prohibiting expulsion
3. Monitoring attendance and addressing chronic absenteeism
4. Staff Qualifications and Competency Requirements
5. Professional Development for Coaches



Changes to Policy 6000.6

Policy 6000.6 was revised to match the new Head Start Performance Standards

- There are five sections that match each of the Head Start Performance Standards
- Language reflecting organizational structures and locally specific policies were revised to match the same language used in Broward County Public Schools



Review of Policy 6000.6

Part 1301-Program Governance

- No changes

Part 1302 - Program Operations

- 1302.16 - Attendance
- 1302.17 - Suspension and Expulsion
- 1302.21 – EHS-Center-based Option-allows group size of 9 with 1:3 ratio
- 1302.91 - Staff Qualifications and Competency Requirements
- 1302.92 - Training and Professional Development



Review of Policy 6000.6 continued

Part 1303-Financial and Administrative Requirements

- No changes

Part 1304-Federal Administrative Procedures

- No changes

Part 1305-Definitions




Review of Head Start Procedures

- Procedures are organized into the same order as the policy.
- All School Board of Broward County procedures are referenced where applicable.
- In cases where there is not a School Board procedure, the Head Start/Early Intervention procedure is detailed.
- There are two appendices: A) Applicable Code of Federal Regulations, and B) Monitoring Plans



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