

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

February 23, 2021

SUBJECT:

Aiken County Public School District Head Start / Early Head Start Program
Governance Policies and Procedures

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On October 22, 2019, the school board approved the submission of the ACPSD Early Head Start/Head Start Grant and the receipt of funds, if awarded. In June 2020, the grant was officially awarded to ACPSD with a start date of July 1 for a five-year grant award. Section 642 Subchapter B Part 1301 of the Head Start Act requires grant agencies to establish and maintain a formal structure for program governance that includes a governing body, a policy council at the agency level and policy committee at the delegate level, and a parent committee. Governing bodies have a legal and fiscal responsibility to administer and oversee the agency's Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Policy councils are responsible for the direction of the agency's Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Section 642 1302 Subpart A requires grantees to determine community strengths, needs, and resources, as well as recruitment areas through policies and procedures for the Eligibility determination, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance (ERSEA) of children and explains the policy concerning the charging of fees. Section 642(c)(1)(E) of the Head Start Act requires that policy councils and governing bodies approve written policies and procedures with regard to program governance and ERSEA. These policies, procedures, and processes are taken from and/or comply with these Head Start Program Performance Standards.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

Administration and the board attorney have reviewed the program governance and ERSEA policies and procedures and find them to be consistent with Section 642 of the Head Start Act and in alignment with board policies and district processes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the ACPSD Head Start / Early Head Start Governance Policies and Procedures

ATTACHMENT:

ACPSD Head Start / Early Head Start Governance Policies and Procedures

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