

ELEMENTARY HEAD START/PRESCHOOL ESE DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2009-2010?

- 🍏 The Head Start Reauthorization Act, Section 640 (D), requires that out of the total student enrollment, a minimum of 10% be designated to children with disabilities. The Head Start/Preschool ESE Dual Enrollment Program is a new initiative and collaboration between the Head Start Program and the Preschool ESE Program. This program will provide families in low-income areas an additional Head Start enrollment opportunity. Each Head Start/Preschool ESE Dual Enrollment classroom will include students who are dually (simultaneously) enrolled in both the Head Start Program as well as the Preschool ESE Program. Twelve elementary school sites have been selected for participation for the 2009-2010 school year. The selected elementary schools are:

North Area

Cypress
Morrow
Palmview

North Central Area

Broadview
Lloyd Estates
Oakland Park
Village

South Central Area

Meadowbrook
Stephen Foster
Martin L. King
Plantation

South Area

Miramar

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- 🍏 Encourage support of this new initiative through dialogue with Preschool ESE Teachers.
- 🍏 Arrange for duty free lunch and breaks for Head Start/Preschool ESE Dual Enrolled Staff. The program requires the staff to participate in family style meals with the students.
- 🍏 Provide Head Start/Preschool ESE Dual Enrolled Teachers release time on August 19, 2009, to attend training on "Dual Enrollment" at a location TBA.
- 🍏 Notify the Head Start Program when a classroom has reached a total of 12 students, with 80% of those students who are enrolled in both programs. This ratio generates an additional paraprofessional funded by Head Start.
- 🍏 Conduct screenings & assessments during the week of September 1-4, 2009. A substitute will be funded by the Head Start Program for classroom coverage. Must assess three dual enrolled students to generate a substitute for the day.
- 🍏 Provide release time for Head Start /Preschool ESE Teachers to conduct two home visits.
- 🍏 Coding of Head Start/Preschool ESE Dual Enrolled students on TERMS to be conducted by the Information Management Technician.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- 🍏 The Head Start Re-Authorization mandate will not be met.

WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- 🍏 School Administrators, Preschool ESE Teachers, ESE Specialists, Information Management Technician (IMT), and all school support staff.

HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- 🍏 Follow-up will be communicated via email from Dr. Earlean C. Smiley.

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