# LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION ON FULL UTILIZATION OF HEAD START SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015

Head Start grantees are required to submit this local agreement to Region IV Office of Head Start and the Kentucky Head Start Collaboration Office.

# Purpose:

The purpose of this agreement between the <u>Breathitt County</u> Board of Education and the <u>Middle Kentucky</u> Head Start Program is to coordinate services to eligible children through state (Kentucky Preschool) and federal (Head Start) funds. The agreement is based on the planned growth criteria set by the Kentucky Board of Education in conjunction with Head Start in January 1994 regarding local school district requirements for full utilization of Head Start in Kentucky.

The commitments outlined in the document are made to assure full utilization of Head Start funds by meeting the following objectives: (1) To avoid use of state dollars to supplant existing federal funds that are currently being used to provide services to children. (2) To avoid an increase in state dollars to serve more Head Start eligible children unless a Head Start Director certifies that no Head Start funds are available to serve those eligible children. (3) To maximize Head Start funding for services to economically disadvantaged four-year-old children and to three and four-year-old children with disabilities.

## Agreement:

We intend to fulfill the terms of this agreement and assure that our signatures reflect that all appropriate boards and councils have been involved as required by state and/or federal regulations or local policy. The following persons will have responsibility for implementing this agreement locally.

School District

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Preschool Coordinator/Supervisor

Head Start Director

Head Start Director

Superintendent

Grantee Authorized Representative

Effective Date: July 15, 2014

NOTE: If Head Start and the district are exchanging funds to contract for specific services to be funded through state preschool or Head Start, then a contract for use of state preschool funds or federal Head Start dollars must also be signed.

1. <u>Needs Assessment:</u> The school district and Head Start agree to cooperate in assessing the community's need for preschool services with "community" defined as:				
<ul> <li>□ County</li> <li>☑ School district lines within a county</li> <li>□ Other</li> </ul>				
SCHOOL DISTRICT	HEAD START			
1.1 In assuring preschool services for state- eligible children, the school district representative(s) will work with the representative(s) named by the Head Start grantee in order to identify preschool services already available to resident children through the local Head Start program. School District Representative(s): Wayne Sizemore	In applying for federal Head Start funds, the Head Start grantee representative will work with the representative(s) named by the school district in conducting the community needs assessment that documents the need for Head Start funding.  Head Start Representative(s):  Tammy Caudill			
1.2 The school district will assume that Head Start funded enrollments available for four-year-old children in the district will remain the same as the target established in 2013-2014, unless the district is contacted by the Head Start program for discussion and is given prior written confirmation of any changes.	1.2 The Head Start program will contact the school district and discuss any possible changes in Head Start funded enrollments and will provide written notice before changing the number of Head Start children in the district in order to allow the school district adequate time to adjust.			
<ol> <li>Recruitment: The school district and Head Start agree to coordinate the recruitment of preschool children for publicly funded preschool and child care programs:</li> <li>Kentucky State Funded Preschool</li> </ol>				
☑ Head Start				
☐ Family Resource Center	child care programs			
☐ Publicly subsidized child	lcare centers			
☐ Other:				

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nt screening and/or registration ivities.	×	Joint screening and/or registration activities.
nt public awareness notices.	×	Joint public awareness notices.
eeting(s) to review registration data on lividual children.	X	Meeting(s) to review registration data on individual children.
tilization of HS computerized data rms (ChildPlus).	×	Utilization of HS computerized data forms (ChildPlus).
school district will coordinate with d Start to gather Infinite Campus data Head Start enrolled children as ropriate.	X	Head Start will coordinate with the school district to gather Infinite Campus data for Head Start enrolled children as appropriate.
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2.3	The school district will assist the Head	2.3	In filling vacancies that occur in the Head
2.3	2.3 The school district will assist the Head Start program in maintaining Head Start enrollment of four-year-olds by the coordinated recruitment efforts in #2.2. In situations where vacancies occur for four-year-olds due to voluntary withdrawal of the child from Head Start by the parents, the district will:		Start program, the Head Start program recognizes that it retains responsibility under Head Start Performance Standards to fill enrollment slots within 30 days of a vacancy. After coordinated recruitment efforts described in #2.2, Head Start may fill such vacancies by:
×	Encourage families to continue in Head Start rather than withdraw	×	Serving Head Start eligible four-year-old children not enrolled in a program
×	Refer new families to Head Start	×	Serving 3s
	Other	X	Serving newly identified children
			Other

Full Utilization of Head Start: The school district and Head Start agree to maximize the use of Head Start funds, including Head Start expansion funds where available, to serve as many four-year-old children as possible. 3.1 3.1 The Head Start program confirms: The district assures that: X Head Start is currently fully utilized Head Start is currently fully utilized OR OR ☐ Head Start is not fully utilized ☐ Head Start is not fully utilized Head Start and the district will confirm The district and Head Start will confirm the number of 4-year-olds enrolled in the number of 4-year-olds enrolled in Head Start on September 1, 2014. The Head Start on September 1, 2014. The Full Utilization Head Start Certification Full Utilization Head Start Certification form shall submitted to the Head Start form shall be submitted to the Head Start State Collaboration Office at the State Collaboration Office at the Governor's Office of Early Childhood by Governor's Office of Early Childhood by September 13, 2014 September 13, 2014. The district will work with Head Start to The Head Start program will continue to 3.2 3.2 facilitate enrollment in Head Start of at make available at least the minimum least the minimum number of slots for number of slots for four-year-old Head Start-eligible children that were available four-year-old Head Start-eligible children prior to 1990: that were available prior to 1990: 1989-90 number of 4s (minimum target) 1989 -90 number of 4s (minimum target) or or 30 Other mutually agreed target, if Other mutually agreed target, if 30 applicable. Reason: applicable. Reason: ☐ Already serving more than 1989-90 ☐ Already serving more than 1989-90 number number ☐ Other: ☐ Other: This Head Start enrollment number is: If a target number less than the 1989-1990 target for only one district; or  $\times$ number is agreed upon, an explanation should be for two or more districts as a joint provided, such as a description of population community figure. Districts (list): changes that affect the number of four year olds in the District or economic changes that affect poverty levels.

3.3	The district assures that any increase in	3.3	The Head Start program will consider
	district enrollment in the number of At – Risk eligible four-year-old children above the December 1, 2014 state preschool At-Risk Count will occur only if Head Start funds are not available to serve additional Head Start eligible four-year-old children.  12-1-13 state At-Risk Count: 45	<ul> <li>and Head Start program issues in choosing how to use any available I Start expansion funds.</li> <li>Yes, new funds are available to serv more Head Start eligible children in district.</li> <li>No, Head Start funds are not available more children in this district.</li> </ul>	community needs assessment information and Head Start program issues in choosing how to use any available Head Start expansion funds.  Yes, new funds are available to serve more Head Start eligible children in this district.  No, Head Start funds are not available for
	The school district recognizes that the Head Start Grantee may choose to use		
	expansion dollars for needs other than serving additional children, based on the community needs assessment as well as program issues. If the Head Start Grantee catchment area includes more than one district, expansion funds may not be available for all districts.		If yes checked, complete 3.4.
3.4	If Head Start funds are available to serve additional Head Start eligible children, the district recognizes the following:	3.4	If Head Start Expansion funds are available to serve additional children, then the Head Start program plans to serve additional children in the following order of priority:
	<ul> <li>a. If new HS-eligible four-year-olds are served by HS and not state funds, then the district recognizes that this increase in HS four-year-olds could mean:</li> <li>a decrease in state-funded 4s; and/or</li> <li>an increase in the total number of 4s served, by the district and HS both conducting intensive recruitment to find unserved children.</li> </ul>		a. enrolling new HS eligible four-year- olds who will not be funded by the state preschool program.  Estimated #:
	b. If new three-year-olds are to be served, the district understands that the number of four-year-olds enrolled in Head Start is not to drop below the 1990 level, even though services are being expanded to three-year-olds.		b. enrolling new Head Start eligible three-year-olds.  Estimated #:
	c. If Head Start enhanced services are to be provided to state-eligible four-year- olds, the district will assure that conditions (1)-(5) at right are met in order to include the children on the state Preschool count.		c. providing HS enhanced services to four-year-olds who receive state funded preschool services.  Estimated #:  This option is allowed only under the following conditions:

	(1) The HS program is already meeting the Pre-KERA target of HS funded enrollments of four-year-olds, based on non-duplicate counting with state funds;  (2) The children to be counted for 2014-2015 HS Expansion are additional four-year-olds, above the minimum set for HS funded enrollment of 4s, as noted in 3.2;  (3) The children to be counted for HS Expansion are HS-eligible and are most in need of intensive services;  (4) The children receive full Head Start services: preschool services funded through state funds and intensive supplementary services through Head Start; and  (5) The district's preschool services meet both Head Start and state preschool
3.5 When submitting 2014-2015 state preschool enrollment data to the Kentucky Department of Education, the district will coordinate with Head Start to assure accuracy of data as it relates to Head Start funded children (number of Head Start children transported, number of children on the state count who received Head Start enhanced services described in 3.4c).	standards.  3.5 The Head Start director will confirm preliminary 2014-2015 Head Start enrollment figures to the district at the following point:  May 27, 2014  Other Dates: August 2014 October 2014  The Head Start director will provide 12-1-14 enrollment data to the Kentucky Head Start Collaboration Office.

4. <u>Coordination of Sites</u>: The school district and Head Start agree to coordinate the location of sites in the community and the provision of additional service in order to minimize the transportation of young children to meet the needs of working parents and facilitate parent involvement in both programs.

SCHOOL DISTRICT			HEAD START
4.1	4.1 The school district will work with Head Start in coordinating preschool classes.		Head Start will work with the district in coordinating Head Start centers.
	☐ Changes/new sites for 2014-2015:		Changes/new sites for 2014-2015:
4.2	School Calendar:  August, 2014 - May, 2015  Solicit Head Start input for the district's Facility Survey to locate sites as close as possible to the child's home.  Work with Head Start for Head Start facilities or renovation funds.  Work with Head Start to develop the space needed for a full-day schedule rather than double sessions to allow wrap-around and child care.  Select sites with Head Start in order to coordinate transportation.  Jointly operate/blend classes with Head Start.  Co-locate state funded classes next to Head Start.  The school district will work with Head Start in provision of additional services to meet the needs of working parents.	4.2	Head Start calendar:  August, 2014 − May, 2015  □ Provide input for the district's Facility Survey. □ Coordinate Head Start facilities or renovation funds with the district. □ Work with the district in planning for space needed to operate on a full-day basis rather than the double sessions. □ Select sites with the district in order to coordinate transportation. □ Jointly operate/blend classes with state funded program. □ Co-locate Head Start classes next to state-funded classes.  Head Start will work with the school district in provision of additional services to meet the needs of working parents.

5. <u>Coordination of Program Efforts</u>: The local school district and Head Start program agree to coordinate staff training and efforts to provide for the smooth transitions of children and families to the local school district primary program.

The school district and Head Start agree to provide effective developmentally appropriate instruction that is supported by the *Kentucky Early Childhood Standards*, *Kentucky Early Childhood Continuous Assessment Guide and Kentucky Quality Self-Study Guide*.

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 5.1 The local school district program agrees to coordinate staff training on:
  - X Kentucky's Early Childhood Standards.
  - Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework.
  - Developmentally appropriate practices.
  - **☒** Curriculum and assessment.
  - Health, safety, nutrition.
  - **☒** Family/community engagement.
  - Social/emotional development.
- 5. 2 The local school district and Head Start program agree to coordinate the transitions of children and families to the school district primary program.

### (Describe or attach)

- 5.3 The district and Head Start will coordinate the use of an approved continuous assessment instrument that:
  - Meets the requirements for both programs,
  - Improves instruction and,
  - · Records child progress.

<u>Teaching Strategies Gold</u>

Name of approved classroom assessment instrument

The district will incorporate the Head Start assessment data for children with disabilities in the Kentucky Early Childhood Data System. (KEDS).

#### **HEAD START**

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See note on last page (Describe or attach)

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Head Start will provide the district with assessment data from an approved classroom assessment instrument for children with disabilities for the Kentucky State Performance Plan and other state-funded children:

Teaching Strategies Gold

Name of approved classroom assessment instrument

Method of data transfer (data disk, on line etc.).

On-line

Individual(s) responsible for the data transfer
Tammy Caudill

6. <u>Non-Federal Matching Funds</u>: The local school district and Head Start program agree to coordinate planning in order to use state and local funds as the 20% non-federal matching requirement for Head Start in order to maximize Head Start funds.

SCHOOL DISTRICT			HEAD START		
6.1	In order to assist the Head Star with the 20% matching require non-federal funding, the district make the following available to Start at free or reduced cost (cl that apply):	ement of et will o Head	6.1	The Head Start program agree with the district to minimize inconvenience and provide, if any reduced-cost payment for following services (check thos apply):	applicable, the
	classroom space			classroom space	
	transportation	×		transportation	×
	state-funded special education	×		state-funded special education	
	school nurse			school nurse	
	equipment/supplies	×		equipment/supplies	×
	professional development	$\boxtimes$		professional development	X
	other			other	

7. <u>Disability Services</u>: The local school district and Head Start program agree to coordinate services to children with disabilities.

	SCHOOL DISTRICT		HEAD START
7.1	The school district will include HS in the local Child Find effort (check those that apply):	7.1	Head Start will participate in the district's Child Find effort under IDEA (check those that apply):
X	Assist HS in screening HS children. Coordinate and provide staff for the following types of screening during joint state/HS recruitment efforts: Lap D/Ages & Stages (Describe or attach efforts)	X X	Provide screening to all HS children. Provide staff to screen children during joint state/HS recruitment efforts (prior to enrollment):  D/Ages & Stages  (Describe or attach efforts)

X	Provide notices for parents of right for services under IDEA.	X	Help distribute notices to parents of right for services under IDEA.
X X	Include HS activities in the local policies and procedures for Child Find.  Include a HS representative(s) on the ARC which will process the referral of a HS child.  Other:	X X	Make referral of any child with a suspected disability to the school district prior to the eligibility evaluation.  Participate in the ARC process initiated at the point of referral.  Other:
7.2	The school district will include HS staff	7.2	The Head Start program will include
1.2	and parents in training (check those that apply):	7.2	school district staff and parents in training (check those that apply):
	Share district preschool training schedule with open invitation to HS to attend. Develop the staff training schedule with HS. Plan specific training event(s) with HS:		Share HS training schedule with open invitation to district to attend.  Develop the staff training schedule with district.  Plan specific training event(s) with
	(Describe or attach efforts)		(Describe or attach efforts)
	Coordinate parent education activities on disabilities with HS. Other:	<b>X</b>	Coordinate parent education activities on disabilities with district. Other:

7.3 7.3 The Head Start program will work with The school district will work with Head the school district on IEPs for HS Start on IEPs (check all that apply): children (check all that apply): X Referrals of HS children will be made by Referrals of specific HS children will be Kim Dunaway accepted by Wayne Sizemore (Head Start contact) (district contact) × Coordinate with State Funded Preschool ☑ Communicate to Head Start the procedure for delivery and documentation of prior program to deliver and document prior adequate instruction as a part of the referral adequate instruction as a part of the referral process. process. Use district referral form, with adaptations Provide referral form, with HS adaptations as appropriate. made jointly as appropriate. Obtain parent approval for the referral or Contact and work with parent as well as have parent contact the district directly. HS representative. Assure parent permission is obtained at Assist in contacting the parent, explaining all required points. process, and obtaining permission at required points. ■ Coordinate ARC meeting times and X places with HS and parents to facilitate Coordinate ARC meeting times and active participation. places with school and parents to facilitate active participation. Work with HS on child find instructional activities for HS children attending X Work with the school district on child find instructional activities for HS blended Head Start / State Funded children who are already attending HS preschool programs (in-school referral and are suspected of having a disability. process). ☑ Coordinate the eligibility evaluation and X Participate in the eligibility evaluation and provide data on child performance. include HS data. Other: (Attach additional page if needed) ☐ Other: (Attach additional page if needed)

7.4	The school district will assist Head Start children with disabilities and their	7.4	The Head Start program will assist HS children transition with disabilities and
	families in transitioning to the primary program (check all that apply):	-	their families in transitioning to the primary program (check all that apply):
	Receiving teachers will visit HS classes.	×	HS teachers will visit receiving classes to identify child skills needed.
	School staff will make joint home visits with HS staff.		HS staff will include school staff in home visits prior to transition to primary school.
	Receiving teachers will coordinate with HS on curriculum.	×	HS teachers will coordinate with receiving teachers on curriculum.
X	Procedures for transferring HS records are in place.	X	HS will make arrangements and obtain parent permission to release HS records to
	IEPs on HS children will be in place prior to school entry to assure continuity of		the school prior to school enrollment.
×	services.  Jointly plan with HS parent training on	X	HS will work with the school on training about school placements and procedures.
_	transition.	×	HS will work with district to have IEPs
	Other:		updated prior to school entry to avoid gaps in services.
		X	Jointly plan with district parent training on transition.
			Other
7.5	The district will share the following special education resources (check all that apply):	7.5	The Head Start program will maintain the following resources for HS children with disabilities (check all that apply):
as.	Screening personnel Itinerant teachers Speech pathologists OT/PT/other personnel Classroom aides Facilities/space Training/consultation IDEA funds Other:  The District recognizes its responsibility to some the provision of a free and appropriate aucational service to eligible children.		Screening personnel Itinerant teachers Speech pathologists OT/PT/other personnel Classroom aides Facilities/space Training/consultation HS funds for specific IEP services Space for district-funded children Other:

7.6	The district will include Head Start children with disabilities on the IDEA	7.6	The Head Start program will assist the district in assuring that criteria are met for
	count if criteria are met.		counting HS children on the IDEA count.

Other areas of agreement:	Other areas of agreement:
	5.2 Transition meetings are held for parents that include Head Start staff, school principals, and kindergarten teachers to discuss any special requirements or needs of a child.
	7.2 Scheduled in-service trainings for the Head Start staff (June 2014) will be sent to the Board staff. Other trainings throughout the year will also be shared.