

Data Sharing/Use Agreement

Between

Jefferson County Board of Education

And

Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC)

This Data Sharing/Use Agreement ("Agreement") between the Jefferson County Board of Education, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Kentucky doing business as the Jefferson County Public Schools ("JCPS"), and Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC), a partnership organized under the laws of Kentucky. ("Services Provider") describes the services to be provided to JCPS by Services Provider, and the means to be used by Services Provider to ensure the confidentiality and security of information and data exchanged between JCPS and Services Provider in connection with the provision of the services.

A. PERIOD OF THE AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective as of September 1, 2025, and will terminate when the services contract referenced in Paragraph B.1. below terminates, unless terminated earlier by either party pursuant to Section H.

B. SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT AND INTENDED USE OF THE DATA

1. Services Provider will provide the following services to JCPS under the terms of a services contract between JCPS and Services Provider effective September 1, 2025: Only for the purpose of sharing information about students with disabilities that we jointly serve, e.g. we provide speech services to students enrolled in their program. Also, they will share with us Child Outcomes Summaries (child assessment) data that we have to submit to KDE.
2. JCPS and Services Provider agree that Services Provider is an organization to which JCPS can disclose, personally identifiable information from an education record of a student, as defined in 34 CFR 99.3, under the "school official exception" of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232(g) and 34 C.F.R. 99.31 (a)(1) ("FERPA"), because the disclosure is to a contractor to whom JCPS has outsourced institutional services or functions for which JCPS would otherwise use employees; the contractor is under the direct control of JCPS with respect to the use and maintenance of education records; and the contractor is subject to the requirements of 34 CFR 99.33(a) governing the use and redisclosure of personally identifiable information from education records.

3. JCPS shall disclose to Services Provider, confidential, personally identifiable information from an education record of a student, as defined in 34 C.F.R. 99.3, under the "school official exception" of FERPA, 34 C.F.R. 99.31 (a)(1), when the disclosure is within such exception as stated in Paragraph B.2 above and Services Provider has a legitimate educational interest for access to such education records. The confidential data, including student and non-student information to be disclosed, is described in a document attached to this agreement as **Attachment A**. Services Provider shall use personally identifiable information from education records and other records in order to perform the services described in Paragraph B.1 above. Services Provider shall notify JCPS and JCPS shall provide written consent, if approved, of any changes to the list of disclosed data necessary for the services or any changes to the scope, purpose or duration of the services themselves. Any agreed upon changes to the data disclosed shall be reduced to writing and included in an update to Attachment A to this Agreement. Any agreed upon changes to the scope, purpose or duration of the services shall be reduced to writing and included in an amendment to the services contract described in Paragraph B.1 above.
4. Services Provider and JCPS shall work cooperatively to determine the proper medium and method for the transfer of confidential data between each other. Services Provider shall confirm the transfer of confidential data and notify JCPS as soon as practicable of any discrepancies between the actual data transferred and the data described in this Agreement. The same protocol shall apply to any transfer of confidential data from Services Provider to JCPS.

C. CONSTRAINTS ON USE OF DATA

1. Services Provider agrees that the services shall be provided in a manner that does not permit personal identification of parents and students by individuals other than representatives of Services Provider that have legitimate interests in the information.
2. Services Provider will not contact the individuals included in the data sets without obtaining advance written authorization from JCPS.
3. Services Provider shall not re-disclose any individual-level data with or without identifying information to any other requesting individuals, agencies, or organizations without prior written authorization by JCPS.
4. Services Provider shall use the data only for the purpose described in Paragraph B.1 above. The data shall not be used for personal gain or profit.

D. DATA CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA SECURITY

Services Provider agrees to the following confidentiality and data security statements:

1. Services Provider acknowledges that the data is confidential data and proprietary to JCPS, and agrees to protect the data from unauthorized disclosures and to comply with all applicable Local, State and Federal confidentiality laws and regulations including but not limited to FERPA; the Kentucky Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, KRS 160.700 et seq.; the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.; the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.; 7 C.F.R. 245.6 et seq.; the Personal Information Security and Breach Investigation Procedures and Practices Act, KRS 61.931 et seq.; and the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS 61.820 et seq.
2. If the performance of this Agreement involves the transfer by JCPS to Services Provider of any data regarding any JCPS student that is subject to FERPA, Services Provider agrees to:
 - a. In all respects comply with the provisions of FERPA.
 - b. Use any such data for no purpose other than to fulfill the purposes of the services contract described in Paragraph B.1 above and not share any such data with any person or entity other than Services Provider and its employees, contractors and agents, without the prior written approval of JCPS.
 - c. Require all employees, contractors and agents of Services Provider to comply with all applicable provisions of FERPA with respect to any such data.
 - d. Maintain any such data in a secure computer environment, and not copy, reproduce or transmit any such data except as necessary to fulfill the purposes of the services contract described in Paragraph B.1 above.
 - e. Provide the services under the services contract described in Paragraph B.1 above in a manner that does not permit the identification of an individual student by anyone other than employees, contractors or agents of Services Provider having a legitimate interest in knowing such personal identification.
 - f. Destroy or return to JCPS any such data obtained under this Agreement within thirty days (30) after the date within it is no longer needed by Services Provider for the purposes of the services contract described in Paragraph B.1 above.
3. Services Provider shall not release or otherwise reveal, directly or indirectly, the data to any individual, agency, entity, or third party not included in this Agreement, unless such disclosure is required by law or court order. If Services Provider becomes legally compelled to disclose any confidential and otherwise personally identifiable data (whether by judicial or administrative order, applicable law, rule or regulation, or otherwise), then Services Provider shall use all reasonable efforts to provide JCPS with prior notice before disclosure so that

JCPS may seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy to prevent the disclosure or to ensure JCPS's compliance with the confidentiality requirements of federal or state law; provided, however, that Services Provider will use all reasonable efforts to maintain the confidentiality of confidential and otherwise personally identifiable data. If a protective order or other remedy is not obtained prior to the deadline by which any legally compelled disclosure is required, Services Provider will only disclose that portion of confidential and otherwise personally identifiable data that Services Provider is legally required to disclose.

4. Services Provider shall not distribute, reprint, alter, sell, assign, edit, modify or create derivative works or any ancillary materials from or with the data.
5. Services Provider shall not use data shared under this Agreement for any purpose other than the services contract described in Paragraph B.1 above. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to authorize Services Provider to have access to additional data from JCPS that is not included in the scope of this Agreement (or addenda). Services Provider understands that this Agreement does not convey ownership of the data to Services Provider.
6. Services Provider shall take reasonable security precautions and protections to ensure that persons not authorized to view the data do not gain access to the data. Reasonable security precautions and protections include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Creating, distributing, and implementing data governance policies and procedures which protect data through appropriate administrative, technical and physical security safeguards, and outline staff responsibilities for maintaining data security.
 - b. Encrypting all data carried on mobile computers/devices.
 - c. Encrypting data before it is transmitted electronically.
 - d. Requiring that users be uniquely identified and authenticated before accessing data.
 - e. Establishing and enforcing well-defined data privilege rights which restrict users' access to the data necessary for this to perform their job functions.
 - f. Ensuring that all staff accessing data sign a nondisclosure statement, attached as **Attachment B**, and maintain copies of signed statements.
 - g. Securing access to any physical areas/electronic devices where sensitive data are stored.
 - h. Installing a firewall to permit or deny network transmissions based upon a set of rules; and

- i. Installing anti-virus software to protect the network.
- 7. If Services Provider receives Personal Information as defined by and in accordance with the Kentucky Personal Information Security and Breach Investigation Procedures and Practices Act, KRS 61.931, et seq. (the "Act"), Services Provider shall secure, protect and maintain the confidentiality of the Personal Information by, without limitation, complying with all requirements applicable to "non-affiliated third parties" set forth in the Act, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. "Personal Information" is defined in accordance with KRS 61.931(6) as an individual's first name or first initial and last name; personal mark; or unique biometric or genetic print or image, in combination with one (1) or more of the following data elements:
 - i. An account, credit card number, or debit card number that, in combination with any required security code, access code or password, would permit access to an account.
 - ii. A Social Security number.
 - iii. A taxpayer identification number that incorporates a Social Security number.
 - iv. A driver's license number, state identification card number or other individual identification number issued by an agency.
 - v. A passport number or other identification number issued by the United States government; or
 - vi. Individually Identifiable Information as defined in 45 C.F.R. sec. 160.013 (of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), except for education records covered by FERPA.
 - b. As provided in KRS 61.931(5), a "non-affiliated third party" means any person or entity that has a contract or agreement with an agency and receives (accesses, collects or maintains) personal information from the agency pursuant to the contract or agreement.
 - c. Services Provider shall not re-disclose, without the written consent of JCPS, any "personal information," as defined in KRS 61.931, or any other personally identifiable information of a student or other persons, such as employees.
 - d. Services Provider agrees to cooperate with JCPS in complying with the response, mitigation, correction, investigation, and notification requirements of the Act.

- e. Services Provider agrees to undertake a prompt and reasonable investigation of any breach as required by KRS 61.933.
8. If Services Provider is a cloud computing service provider (as defined in KRS 365.734(1)(b) as "any person other than an educational institution that operates a cloud computing service"), Services Provider agrees that:
- a. Services Provider shall not process student data for any purpose other than providing, improving, developing, or maintaining the integrity of its cloud computing services, unless the provider receives express permission from the student's parent. Services Provider shall work with the student's school and district to determine the best method of collecting parental permission. KRS 365.734 defines "process" and "student data."
 - b. Pursuant to KRS 365.734(2), Services Provider shall not in any case process student data to advertise or facilitate advertising or to create or correct an individual or household profile for any advertisement purposes.
 - c. Pursuant to KRS 365.734(2), Services Provider shall not sell, disclose, or otherwise process student data for any commercial purpose.
 - d. Pursuant to KRS 365.734(3), Services Provider shall certify in writing to the agency that it will comply with KRS 365.734(2).
9. Services Provider shall report all known or suspected breaches of the data, in any format, to Dr. Eric Satterly, Chief Information Officer. The report shall include (1) the name, job title, and contact information of the person reporting the incident; (2) the name, job title, and contact information of the person who discovered the incident; (3) the date and time the incident was discovered; (4) the nature of the incident (e.g. system level electronic breach, an electronic breach of one computer or device, a breach of hard copies of records, etc.); (5) a description of the information lost or compromised; (6) the name of the electronic system and possible interconnectivity with other systems; (7) the storage medium from which information was lost or compromised; (8) the controls in place to prevent unauthorized use of the lost or compromised information; (9) the number of individuals potentially affected; and (10) whether law enforcement was contacted.
10. Services Provider shall securely and permanently destroy the data, and any and all hard and soft (electronic) copies thereof, upon the termination of this Agreement. Services Provider agrees to require all employees, contactors, or agents of any kind using JCPS data to comply with this provision. Services Provider agrees to document the methods used to destroy the data, and upon request, provide certification to JCPS that the data has been destroyed.
11. For purposes of this agreement and ensuring Services Provider's compliance with the terms of this Agreement and all application of the state and Federal laws, Services Provider designates Erika Nygard, OVEC Head Start Director (or

an alternative designee specified in writing) as the temporary custodian ("Temporary Custodian") of the data that JCPS shares with Services Provider. JCPS will release all data and information under this Agreement to Temporary Custodian. Temporary Custodian shall be responsible for transmitting all data requests and maintaining a log or other record of all data requested and received pursuant to this Agreement, including confirmation of the return or destruction of the data as described below. JCPS or its agents may, upon request, review the records Services Provider is required to keep under this Agreement.

12. Services Provider acknowledges that any violation of this Agreement and/or the provisions of FERPA or accompanying regulations related to the nondisclosure of protected student information constitutes just cause for JCPS to immediately terminate this Agreement.
13. Services Provider shall maintain, during the term of this Agreement, a cyber-insurance liability policy, in the amount of \$5M. Upon request, Services Provider shall furnish the certificate of insurance evidencing this coverage. The certificate of insurance shall name the Board of Education of Jefferson County as additional insured in the Description of Operations section of the Certificate of Insurance which shall read:

Board of Education of Jefferson County
Attn: Insurance/Real Estate Dept.
3332 Newburg Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40218

14. Services provider shall maintain, during the term of this Agreement, ISO27001 or SOC2 certification. If Services Provider is unable to provide ISO27001 or SOC2 certification, minimum requirements on a JCPS-provided standardized questionnaire must be met. Upon request, Services Provider shall furnish a current ISO27001, SOC2 certification, or updated questionnaire.

E. FINANCIAL COSTS OF DATA-SHARING

Each party shall be responsible for their portion of costs that may result from data sharing. Examples of potential costs to JCPS are costs associated with the compiling of student data requested under this agreement and costs associated with the electronic delivery of the student data to Services Provider.

No payments will be made under this Agreement by either party. Any payments to Services Provider will be made under the services contract described in Paragraph B.1 above.

F. OBLIGATIONS OF JCPS

During the term of this Agreement, JCPS shall:

1. Prepare and deliver the data described in **Attachment A**.

G. LIABILITY

Services Provider agrees to be responsible for and assumes all liability for any claims, costs, damages or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) that may arise from or relate to Services Provider's intentional or negligent release of personally identifiable student, parent or staff data ("Claim" or "Claims"). Services Provider agrees to hold harmless JCPS and pay any costs incurred by JCPS in connection with any Claim. The provisions of this Section shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

H. TERMINATION

1. This Agreement may be terminated as follows, after notification via the United States Postal Service (certified mail or registered mail) or recognized overnight delivery service (e.g., UPS, DHL, or FedEx):
 - a. By either party in the event of a material breach of this Agreement by another party provided however, the breaching party shall have thirty (30) days to cure such breach, and this Agreement shall remain in force.
 - b. By either party after thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party, for any reason or no reason.
2. The confidentiality provisions of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement. If this Agreement is terminated by either party for material breach or for any other reason with thirty (30) days written notice, within seven (7) days of the termination the confidential information shall be returned or destroyed within seven (7) days of the termination and the Temporary Custodian shall provide JCPS confirmation of the return or destruction of the data pursuant to Paragraph D.11. If this Agreement terminates at the end of the term described in Section A, within seven (7) days after the end of the term, Services Provider shall return or destroy all confidential information, and the Temporary Custodian shall provide JCPS confirmation of the return or destruction of the data pursuant to Paragraph D.11.
3. Destruction of the confidential information shall be accomplished by utilizing an approved method of confidential destruction, including but not limited to shredding, burning or certified/witnessed destruction for physical materials and verified erasure of magnetic media using approved methods of electronic file destruction.

I. PUBLICATIONS AND COPYRIGHTS

Both parties recognize that each organization may have extant work that predates this agreement. If those materials and/or data are used in the course of this work, they remain the property of the original developer. If new materials are developed during the term of the services contract described in Paragraph B.1 above, ownership and copyright of such will be governed by the terms of the services contract.

J. MODIFICATION

No waiver, alteration or modification of the provisions of this Agreement shall be binding unless in writing and mutually agreed upon. Any modifications or additions to this Agreement must be negotiated and approved by both parties.

K. QUALITY OF SERVICES

JCPS reserves the right to review Services Provider's performance under this Agreement for effectiveness in serving the specific purposes as outlined in Paragraph B.1. Failure of Services Provider to perform in a manner that meets or exceeds the quality standards for JCPS shall serve as grounds for termination of this Agreement, subject to Service Provider's right to cure under Section H.1.a. of this Agreement.

L. BREACH OF DATA CONFIDENTIALITY

Services Provider acknowledges that the breach of this agreement or its part may result in irreparable and continuing damage to JCPS for which money damages may not provide adequate relief. In the event of a breach or threatened breach of this agreement by Services Provider, JCPS, in addition to any other rights and remedies available to JCPS at law or in equity, may be entitled to preliminary and permanent injunctions to enjoin and restrain the breach or threatened breach. If the United States Department of Education's Family Policy Compliance Office determines that Services Provider has violated paragraph 34 C.F.R. 99.31(a)(6)(iii)(B), JCPS may not allow Services Provider access to personally identifiable information from its education records for at least five (5) years.

M. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM

This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Any action or Claim arising from, under or pursuant to this Agreement shall be brought in the Jefferson County, Kentucky, Circuit Court, and the parties expressly waive the right to bring any legal action or Claims in any other courts.

N. WAIVER

No delay or omission by either party in exercising any right under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of that or any other right or prevent a similar subsequent act from constituting a violation of this Agreement.

O. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Agreement is held to be void, against public policy or illegal, the balance remaining provisions of this Agreement shall continue to be valid and binding.

P. NOTICES

Any notices or reports by one party to the other party under this Agreement shall be made in writing, to the address shown in the signature portions of this Agreement, or to such other address as may be designated in writing by one party to the other. Notices shall be effective when received if personally delivered, or three days after mailing if mailed.

Q. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

JCPS is not an employee, agent, partner or co-venturer of or with Services Provider. Neither Services Provider nor JCPS shall represent or imply to any party that it has the power or authority to enter into a contract or commitment in the name of or on behalf of the other, or to otherwise bind the other.

R. ENTIRE AGREEMENT; ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement, together with any attachments hereto and any amendment or modifications that may hereafter be agreed to, constitute the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject-matter hereof and supersede any and all prior understandings and agreements, oral and written, relating hereto. Services Provider shall not assign this Agreement or any portion thereof to a subcontractor or other third party without the prior written consent of JCPS, and any attempted assignment without such prior written consent in violation of this Section R shall automatically terminate this Agreement.

AGREED:

Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC)

Head Start Grantee Program

BY: Jason Adkins

Name: Jason Adkins

Title: Chief Executive Office

Date: 7/29/25

AGREED:

Jefferson County Board of Education
3332 Newburg Road
Louisville KY 40218

BY: _____

Name: Dr. H. Brian Yearwood

Title: Superintendent

Date: _____

Attachment A

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TO BE DISCLOSED

Attachment B

SERVICE PROVIDER'S EMPLOYEE NONDISCLOSURE STATEMENT

I understand that the performance of my duties as an employee or contractor of _____ ("Services Provider") involve a need to access and review confidential information (information designated as confidential by the Jefferson County Board of Education), and that I am required to maintain the confidentiality of this information and prevent any redisclosure prohibited under applicable federal and state law. By signing this statement, I agree to the following:

- I will not permit access to confidential information to persons not authorized by Services Provider.
- I will maintain the confidentiality of the data or information.
- I will not access data of persons related or known to me for personal reasons.
- I will report, immediately and within twenty-four (24) hours to my immediate supervisor, any known or reasonably believed instances of missing data, data that has been inappropriately shared, or data taken off site to my immediate supervisor.
- I understand that procedures must be in place for monitoring and protecting confidential information.
- I understand that the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") protects information in students' education records that are maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution, and includes, but is not limited to the student's name, the name of the student's parent or other family members, the address of the student or student's family, a personal identifier, such as the student's social security number, student number, or biometric record, other indirect identifiers, such as the student's date of birth, place of birth, and mother's maiden name, and other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a reasonable person in the school community, who does not have personal knowledge of the relevant circumstances, to identify the student with reasonable certainty.
- I understand that any unauthorized disclosure of confidential information is illegal as provided in FERPA and in the implementing of federal regulations found in 34 CFR, Part 99. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of not more than \$250,000 (under 18 U.S.C. 3571) or imprisonment for not more than five years (under 18 U.S.C. 3559), or both.
- I understand and acknowledge that children's free and reduced price meal and free milk eligibility information or information from the family's application for eligibility, obtained under provisions of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42

U.S.C. 1751 et seq) ("NSLA") or Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.)("CNA") and the regulations implementing these Acts, is confidential information.

- I understand that any unauthorized disclosure of confidential free and reduced-price lunch information or information from an application for this benefit is illegal as provided in the NSLA or the CNA and the regulations implementing these Acts, specifically 7 C.F.R 245.6. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 (under 7 C.F.R. 245.6) or imprisonment for up to one year (under 7 C.F.R. 245.6), or both.
- I understand that KRS 61.931 also defines "personal information" to include an individual's first name or first initial and last name; personal mark; or unique biometric or genetic print or image, in combination with one (1) or more of the following data elements:
 - a) An account number, credit card number, or debit card number that, in combination with any required security code, access code, or password, would permit access to an account.
 - b) A Social Security number.
 - c) A taxpayer identification number that incorporates a Social Security number.
 - d) A driver's license number, state identification card number, or other individual identification number issued by any agency.
 - e) A passport number or other identification number issued by the United States government; or
 - f) Individually identifiable health information as defined in 45 C.F.R. sec. 160.103, except for education records covered by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, as amended, 20 U.S.C. sec. 1232g.
- I understand that other federal and state privacy laws protect confidential data not otherwise detailed above and I acknowledge my duty to maintain confidentiality of that data as well.
- I understand that any personal characteristics that could make the person's identity traceable, including membership in a group such as ethnicity or program area, are protected.

In addition, I understand that any data sets or output reports that I may generate using confidential data are to be protected. I will not distribute to any unauthorized person any data sets or reports that I have access to or may generate using confidential data. I understand that I am responsible for any computer transactions performed as a result of access authorized by use of sign on/password(s).

Employee signature:

Date:

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Local Head Start Memorandum of Agreement

This agreement is between the Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC), Head Start Grantee Program ("Head Start") and the Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS), School District ("School District") to coordinate services to eligible children through federal Head Start and state Preschool programs.

I. Purpose of Agreement

This Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") sets out the terms by which the Head Start program and School District will ensure full utilization of Head Start funds by meeting the following objectives: (1) to avoid duplication of programs and services; (2) to avoid supplanting of federal funds; and (3) to maximize the use of Head Start funds to serve as many four-year-old children as possible. This MOA also provides for coordination between Head Start and School District as required by 45 CFR 1302.53 and 45 CFR 1302.63.

II. Authority

Whereas, Head Start must enter into an agreement with the School District in order to support coordination between Head Start and publicly funded preschool programs (642 (e) (3) of the Head Start Act and 45 CFR, Part 1302.53); and

Head Start must work to develop an interagency agreement with the School District to improve service delivery to children eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), including the referral and evaluation process, service coordination, promotion of service provision in the least restrictive environment, and transition services as children move from services provided under Part C of IDEA to services provided under Part B of IDEA and from preschool to kindergarten (45 CFR, Part 1302.63); and

School District must work with Head Start to avoid duplication of programs and services, avoid supplanting federal funds, and maximize Head Start funds in order to serve as many four-year-old children as possible (KRS 157.3175); and

School District must achieve certification with Head Start director that the Head Start program is fully utilized (KRS 157.3175);

Now, therefore, it is mutually agreed by Head Start and School District to enter into this MOA.

III. Program Descriptions

Head Start is a comprehensive child development program, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, serving at-risk families with young children pursuant to 42 USC 9831, *et seq.* Services include education, health, mental health and family and community partnerships to eligible three- and four-year-old children.

State-Funded Preschool is a program designed to meet the comprehensive needs of children through developmentally appropriate teaching and learning practices, as well as collaboration

with medical, health, mental health and social service agencies. Services are provided to eligible children pursuant to KRS 157.3175 and 704 KAR 3:410.

IV. Goals of Collaboration

Head Start and School District agree to work together in furtherance of the following goals:

- a. To avoid duplication of programs and services;
- b. To avoid supplanting of federal funds;
- c. To maximize the use of Head Start funds to serve as many four year old children as possible;
- d. To establish seamless delivery of services that builds on the strengths and supports the needs of the service area;
- e. To ensure coordination and collaboration between Head Start and School District, including specific roles and responsibilities to ensure a coordinated service system;
- f. To ensure effective, two-way communication between Head Start and School District, in order to remove barriers to collaboration and to promote effective service delivery;
- g. To improve availability and quality of services for four-year-old children and their families, ensuring that all eligible children in the service area have access to quality education and comprehensive services;
- h. To ensure that Head Start and School District will plan and coordinate recruitment and access to services and implement strategies to enroll the hardest to reach children in the service area;
- i. To support the optimal development of children, including their school readiness and success, and the advancement and success of families;
- j. To collaborate in service delivery to the greatest extent possible, including in transportation, facilities and other resources as appropriate and to ensure information exchange regarding educational and non-educational services for the benefit of children and families;
- k. To coordinate services to children with disabilities and to support Head Start with ensuring at least ten (10) percent of enrolled children are eligible for services under IDEA.

V. Joint Roles and Responsibilities

Head Start and School District agree to cooperate and collaborate in the development and implementation of each of the following areas mandated by the Head Start Act of 2007 (42 USC 9831 *et seq.*):

- a. Educational activities, curricular objectives, and instruction
 - i. Head Start and School District agree to implement research-based curriculum coordination aligned with the Head Start Child Outcomes Framework, the Head Start Program Performance Standards, and the Kentucky Early Childhood Standards.
 - ii. Head Start and School District agree to engage in ongoing communication for continuity of curricular objectives and shared expectations for children's learning and development as the children transition to school.

- b. Public information dissemination and access to programs for families contacting the Head Start program or the School District preschool program
 - i. Head Start and School District agree to coordinate to provide community/public information dissemination and resource development to support and improve school readiness.
 - ii. Head Start and School District agree to engage in ongoing communication between Head Start staff and School District staff, such as teachers, social workers, McKinney-Vento coordinators, Family Resource Youth Service Coordinators, other federal program coordinators, and health staff that facilitate program coordination.
- c. Selection priorities for eligible children to be served by programs
 - i. Head Start and School District agree to coordinate and engage in child selection, enrollment, and notification practices that will ensure all eligible children will be served by the program.
 - 1. Both parties will meet annually to review eligibility requirements, selection criteria and recruitment lists to establish a system for determining the best placement based on characteristics and need for enrolling families.
 - 2. This process will be coordinated, transparent and seamless for children and families served. A written document will be mutually developed outlining how this process will work.
 - 3. Both parties will ensure 42 four-year-olds will enroll in Head Start on September 1 based on the 1989-90 number of four-year olds served, or a mutually agreed upon target that maximizes federal Head Start funds in order to serve as many at-risk four-year-olds in the district as possible. It is mutually understood by both parties that full enrollment for Head Start must be met on the first day of instruction.
 - 4. Both parties will confirm the number of four-year-olds enrolled in Head Start on September 1 or the first day of instruction whichever is later, with the Kentucky Department of Education by September 15.
 - ii. Coordination and collaboration between Head Start and School District will target the participation of underserved populations of eligible children.
 - iii. Enrollment priorities will include homeless and foster care children as well as limited English proficient children and informing their parents of instructional services to help children acquire English proficiency.
 - iv. Coordination and collaboration with other programs, as applicable, such as First Steps, Family Resource Centers, Subsidized Child Care Providers, and other early childhood providers will be a priority for both parties.
- d. Definition of service area
 - i. Child recruitment and referral practices will ensure all children will be served by the appropriate program in the service area.

- ii. Collaboration will occur to reduce duplication and enhance service efficiency in the service area.
- iii. Service delivery and program strategies will be coordinated to overcome collaboration barriers.

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.

- e. Professional learning
 - i. Opportunities for joint staff professional learning will be identified and pursued in the following areas:
 - 1. Collaborative recruitment and enrollment strategies
 - 2. Early childhood standards, instructional methods, curriculum, assessment, and social emotional development
 - 3. Early childhood transitions
 - 4. Parent and community engagement
- f. Technical assistance
 - i. Collaborative efforts will be made to identify common technical assistance needs.
 - ii. Program technical assistance will be shared when and where feasible.
- g. Provision of services to meet the needs of working parents, as applicable: coordinating activities to make full day and full year resources available to children who need it and collaborating with childcare entities in the service area.
- h. Communication and parent outreach for smooth transitions to kindergarten
 - i. Joint support of children's transition to elementary school, including appropriate records transfers, outreach to parents, and specific activities to address limited English proficient children and their families.
 - ii. Joint parent education about their roles in the public schools related to their children's learning and development.
- i. Transitions
 - i. Head Start and School District will collaborate, pursuant to 45 C.F.R. Part 1302, Subpart G, to:
 - 1. Help parents understand practices they use to effectively provide academic and social support for their children during their transition to kindergarten and foster their continued involvement in the education of their child;
 - 2. Prepare parents to exercise their rights and responsibilities concerning the education of their children in the elementary school setting, including services and supports available to children with disabilities and various options for their child to participate in language instruction educational programs; and,

3. Assist parents in the ongoing communication with teachers and other school personnel so that parents can participate in decisions related to their children's education.
- ii. Head Start and School District will collaborate to ensure that (1) relevant records are transferred to the child's next placement, (2) communication between Head Start staff and their counterparts in school fosters the continuity of learning and development, and (3) Head Start and kindergarten teachers participate in joint training and professional development activities.
- j. Provision and use of facilities, transportation, and other program elements.
 - i. Head Start and School District will:
 1. Share facilities, as feasible and appropriate.
 2. Share transportation, as feasible and appropriate.
 3. Provide joint parent activities, education and involvement, as feasible and appropriate.
 4. Exchange information on children's service provision, as feasible and appropriate.
 - ii. School District may also provide additional financial and programmatic support to Head Start as appropriate and feasible. This support may be in the provision of free or reduced cost services. This provision is intended to support Head Start with meeting non-federal match requirements.
- k. Serving children with disabilities
 - i. Referrals and Evaluations.
 1. Head Start will refer children, as appropriate, to School District for evaluation to determine whether the child is eligible for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*).
 2. Head Start and School District will collaborate to the greatest extent possible to develop and implement an eligible child's IFSP or IEP, including but not limited to inviting a Head Start representative to Admission and Release Committee meetings as appropriate.
 - ii. Service Coordination.
 1. Head Start and School District will jointly recruit and enroll eligible children with disabilities.
 2. With parental consent, School District will provide a copy of the IEP to Head Start.
 3. Head Start and School District will collaborate to ensure that all services are provided in accordance with a child's IFSP or IEP, and that the child is working towards the goals of the IFSP or IEP.
 4. School District will review and revise, as appropriate, the IFSP or IEP for each child no less than annually.

- iii. Least Restrictive Environment. School District and Head Start will collaborate to ensure that services are provided in a child's regular Head Start or preschool classroom to the greatest extent possible.
- iv. Transition.
 - 1. School District and Head Start will plan and implement transition services for children with an IEP who are transitioning to kindergarten.
 - 2. School District and Head Start will collaborate with parents to ensure the appropriate steps are taken to support the child and his or her family as they transition out of Head Start or preschool.

l. Protecting Personally Identifiable Information

- i. Head Start and School District have reviewed this MOA with respect to the exchange of Personally Identifiable Information ("PII"). Head Start and School District shall:
 - 1. Collaborate to share student information, as well as to report student and program data to state and federal agencies, in a manner that meets, where appropriate, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 42 U.S.C. § 1232g, the Head Start Program Performance Standards, Part 1303, Subpart C, Protections for the Privacy of Child Records, and the confidentiality provisions of IDEA, 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.610 – 300.626 and 34 C.F.R. §§ 303.401 – 303.417.
 - 2. Maintain appropriate safeguards to protect PII, including providing appropriate training for all individuals who receive PII.
- ii. School District will notify Head Start of any unauthorized disclosure of the PII of a child enrolled in Head Start no later than twenty-four hours following discovery of such unauthorized disclosure. Likewise, Head Start will notify School District of any unauthorized disclosure of the PII of a child enrolled in Head Start or preschool no later than twenty-four hours following discovery of such unauthorized disclosure.

m. Other elements mutually agreed to by the Parties.

- i. See attachment A and B

VI. Term of Agreement

The term of this MOA will begin on September 1, 2025 (Beginning Date) and shall terminate on August 31, 2026 (Ending Date). This MOA may be amended during this term by mutual written consent of Head Start and School District.

VII. Signatures

The Parties intend to achieve the terms of this MOA and maintain a meaningful partnership to promote school readiness so eligible families are served in a coordinated, high quality system. The Parties agree to plan and implement strategies based on practice and research that have proven to support children's school success. The Parties agree to coordinate recruitment and enrollment so that each child and family is served in the best setting and programs cooperate to maximize community resources.

For the Head Start Grantee:

Head Start Director

Erika Nygard

Name

Director

Title

E. B. Nygard

Signature

6/20/2025

Date

Head Start Grantee Executive Director/Authorized Representative

Jason Adkins

Name

Chief Executive Officer

Title

Jason Adkins

Signature

6/20/25

Date

For the School District:

Early Childhood Program Director

Carlisa Gibson

Name

Executive Director Early Childhood Programs

Title

Carlisa Gibson

Signature

6/27/25

Date

Superintendent of Schools / Agency Executive Director

Name

Superintendent Jefferson County Public Schools

Title

Signature

Date

Attachment A

JCPS/OVEC Collaboration Plan for Serving Students with Disabilities

JCPS and OVEC Head Start Program agree to coordinate services to children with disabilities

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Jefferson County Public Schools</u>	<u>OVEC Head Start</u>
Child Find Efforts	<p>JCPS will include Head Start in the local Child Find effort</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JCPS will provide a speech-language pathologist to complete the Communication Screener, upon request (Contact JCPS Communication Disorders Office at 485-3254 to schedule). Communication screening will take place at the Head Start location. The JCPS speech-language pathologist will review communication screening results with OVEC staff. JCPS will assist OVEC with referral completion, as requested. JCPS will provide notice to the parent of the child's right to services under IDEA. 	<p>Head Start will participate in the district's Child Find Effort under IDEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OVEC will complete screenings, which include developmental, hearing, and vision, within forty-five (45) school days of enrollment. OVEC will review screening results with families and provide follow-up support for failed hearing or vision screenings. OVEC will develop and implement research-based interventions. OVEC will conduct a re-screening if necessary. OVEC will inform parent a referral has been initiated to JCPS and will receive written consent. OVEC will assist with distributing notices to parents of the child's right to services under IDEA. OVEC will provide Head Start enrollment data to the appropriate district personnel
Referrals and Evaluations	<p>JCPS will work with Head Start regarding Admissions and Release Committee (ARC) and evaluation process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referrals of Head Start children will be accepted by JCPS Diagnostic Center (Diagnostic Center-357-7661). JCPS will include the OVEC Disability Consultant and teacher in the ARC Meeting. JCPS will contact and work with parent and Head Start representatives. 	<p>Head Start will work with JCPS regarding ARC and evaluation process for HS Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referrals of Head Start students will be made by the designated OVEC contact person. OVEC will use the JCPS Referral - Special Education Support Request Form.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JCPS will coordinate ARC meeting times and places with HS and parents to facilitate active participation. ● If ARC recommends a full evaluation for a Head Start student, the evaluation will take place at the JCPS Diagnostic Center. ● JCPS will make all reasonable efforts to obtain the parents' written consent, which will be obtained before an evaluation. ● JCPS will coordinate the eligibility evaluation, which will include Head Start data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OVEC will assist with family communication, explain the ARC process, and assist in obtaining written consent from parents at required points. ● OVEC will participate in the eligibility evaluation and provide data on child performance. ● Students will continue to be enrolled in OVEC Head Start during the evaluation process and eligibility determination.
Service Coordination and Provision of Services	<p>JCPS will share the following special education services and resources at the Head Start facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JCPS will provide speech-language pathologists for communication screenings and service delivery for students eligible for Speech-Language Impairment (SLI). ● JCPS will provide appropriate members for ARC meetings. ● If a Head Start student meets eligibility for Speech-Language Impairment, the student will receive special education services at OVEC Head Start, if the parent declines JCPS preschool. ● Special education services will take place in conjunction with the JCPS Early Childhood school calendar. <p><i>The District recognizes its responsibility to assure the provision of a free and appropriate educational service to eligible children.</i></p>	<p>Head Start will work with JCPS to deliver special education service and resources to Head Start students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The OVEC Disability Consultant will support students, families, and staff within the Head Start Program. ● OVEC will ensure a representative will attend the ARC and provide input on the child's progress.

Transition	<p>JCPS will assist Head Start children with disabilities and their families in transitioning to the JCPS primary program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JCPS will assist in the collaboration of the Kindergarten transition ARC meetings. • JCPS will provide OVEC with resource information regarding kindergarten transition initiatives. 	<p>JCPS will assist Head Start children with disabilities and their families in transitioning to the primary program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVEC will ensure parents are informed of the Kindergarten transition from preschool beginning at the age of 4. • OVEC will make arrangements and obtain written parent consent to release Head Start records to the school before school enrollment. • OVEC will collaborate with JCPS throughout the kindergarten transition process.
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Attachment B

<p>8.14 AMENDMENT/TERMINATION CLAUSE</p> <p>In the event that federal or state laws or other regulations, including funding requirements, are amended or judicially interpreted so that the continued fulfillment of this Agreement, on the part of either party, is substantially unreasonable or impossible, or if the parties are unable to agree upon any amendment which would therefore be needed to enable the substantial continuation of the services contemplated by this Agreement, then the parties shall be discharged from any further obligations created under the terms of this Agreement, except for the equitable settlement of the respective accrued interest of obligations, incurred up to the date of termination.</p>	<p>8.14 AMENDMENT/TERMINATION CLAUSE</p> <p>In the event that federal or state laws or other regulations, including funding requirements, are amended or judicially interpreted so that the continued fulfillment of this Agreement, on the part of either party, is substantially unreasonable or impossible, or if the parties are unable to agree upon any amendment which would therefore be needed to enable the substantial continuation of the services contemplated by this Agreement, then the parties shall be discharged from any further obligations created under the terms of this Agreement, except for the equitable settlement of the respective accrued interest of obligations, incurred up to the date of termination.</p>
<p>8.15 TERMINATION FOR MATERIAL BREACH</p> <p>Without limiting either Party's ability to terminate in accordance with other provisions of this Agreement, in the event of either Party's material breach of this Agreement, which is not cured within thirty (30) business days following receipt of written notice of such breach, the non-breaching Party will have the right to terminate this Agreement in whole <i>or in part</i> by giving a notice of termination effective ten (10) business days following receipt of notice of termination.</p>	
<p>8.16 NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY</p> <p>The district will not discriminate against any employee or applicant because of race, religion, color, sexual orientation or national origin, except where religion, sex, or national origin is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the district.</p>	
<p>8.17 RIGHT TO AUDIT CLAUSE</p> <p>The district shall, at all times during the term of this Agreement and for a period of three years after the completion of this Agreement, maintain such records, together with such supporting or underlying documents and materials relating to or pertaining to this Agreement kept by or under the control of the district, including, but not limited to those kept by the district, its employees, agents, assigns, successors, and subcontractors. The district shall at any time requested by the Head Start program, whether during or after completion of this Agreement, and at the district's own expense make such records available for inspection and audit (including copies and extracts of records as required) by the Head Start program. Such records shall be made available to the Head Start program during normal business hours at a mutually agreed upon location and subject to a three-day written notice.</p>	
<p>8.18 ACCEPTABLE USE OF AGENCY PROPERTY</p> <p>Use of the Head Start program's property, including computers and electronic systems, is for program and business activities related to the performance of this Agreement. These resources shall be used in an honest, ethical and legal manner that conforms to applicable license agreements, contracts and policies regarding their intended use. The copying or use of the program's intellectual property for personal use or benefit during or after the period of this Agreement is prohibited unless approved in advance by the Head Start director.</p>	

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

DATE 7/1/2025

PRODUCER Houchens Insurance Group Inc Po Box 1779 Bowling Green KY 42102-1779 270-781-2020		THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW.			
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WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY	430989	7/1/2025	7/1/2026	WC STATUTORY LIMITS	
				EL EACH ACCIDENT	\$1,000,000
				EL DISEASE-POLICY LIMIT	\$1,000,000
				EL DISEASE-EA EMPLOYEE	\$1,000,000
CERTIFICATE HOLDER		CANCELLATION			
Jefferson County Public Schools 3332 Newburg Rd Louisville, KY 40218 502-313-4357		SHOULD THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICY BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE KEMI WILL NOT PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE SHALL NOT IMPOSE ANY OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON KEMI OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES.			