

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Office of Academics  
Early Childhood Education

**2024-2025 Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council Information**

**What is Policy Council?**

Policy Council is comprised of parents whose child(ren) are enrolled in the Head Start/Early Head Start program, as well as community representatives. Policy Council members have the responsibility of making sure that the voices of parents are heard. Parents and community representatives drive the decisions, policies and procedures of the Head Start/Early Head Start program.

**Why should I participate in Policy Council?**

Parent members of Policy Council:

- Assist in planning and developing goals
- Participate in subcommittees for ongoing special events such as field trips and cultural activities
- Participate in conducting a program self-assessment
- Serve as a voice to the general community

**Benefits of Policy Council**

Offers a voice for parents to become a part of the decision-making process

Strengthens home to school relationships

Provides opportunities to meet and network with other Head Start/Early Head Start parents as well as community agencies

Policy Council members will be elected at the Parent Committee meetings. Parent Committee meetings for the 2024-2025 school year will be held face to face with a virtual option. Emails specific to individual Parent Committee meetings will be sent to parents/guardians of Head Start children for each cohort outlining the date, time and location to attend each meeting.

Policy Council meetings will be held face to face with a virtual option on the dates listed below and additional meeting information will be posted on the Head Start Website. All parents are invited to attend Policy Council meetings. Policy Council members are encouraged to attend meetings face to face as all documents that are required by the Office of Head Start will be voted on through a physical quorum.

**2024-2025 Policy Council Meeting Dates/Times**

August 22, 2024 (2023-2024 Closeout meeting)  
September 26, 2024  
October 24, 2024  
November 21, 2024  
January 30, 2025  
February 27, 2025  
March 20, 2025  
April 24, 2025  
May 29, 2025

**\*Meetings will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.**

\*Flyers will be available monthly with location details and TEAMS link to attend virtual meeting.