




Interoffice Memorandum

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AGENDA ITEM

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County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: **Consent Agenda Item – March 21, 2023**
Orange County Head Start Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria
2023-2024 All Districts

The Head Start Division requests Board approval of Orange County Head Start Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria 2023-2024. The eligibility priority selection criteria is required to establish a formal selection process, as mandated by the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 and Head Start Program Performance Standard 1302.14 which indicates that a program must annually establish selection criteria that weigh the prioritization of selection of participants, based on community needs identified in the community needs assessment as described in §1302.11 (b).

The eligibility priority selection criteria is used to determine the selection of eligible children for the Head Start Program.

The Head Start Policy Council approved the eligibility priority selection criteria on February 16, 2023.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Orange County Head Start Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria for 2023-2024 to establish a formal selection process for eligible children and families. All Districts.

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Attachment

Orange County Head Start
Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria for 2023-2024

Eligibility Priority Selection Criteria Requirements	Current points 2022-2023	Proposed Points 2023-2024	Source
Age Criteria			
4 years	95	95	HSPPS
3 years	55	55	HSPPS
Eligibility Criteria			
Homeless McKinney Vento Act	500	500	HSPPS/CA 2022 Page 51-53
Homeless with limited English proficiency/unsheltered McKinney	510	510	HSPPS/CA 2022 Page 53
Foster Child	400	400	HSPPS
Public Assistance: Currently in TANF/SSI/SNAP	100	100	HSPPS/CA 2022 Page 42 & 96-100
Income eligible: 0%-25% Poverty Level	100	125	HSPPS
Income Eligible: 26%-50% Poverty Level	75	100	HSPPS
Income eligible: 51%-75% Poverty Level	50	75	HSPPS
Income eligible: 76%-100% Poverty Level	25	50	HSPPS
Over Income: Over 100% Poverty Level	0	0	HSPPS
Disability Criteria			
Diagnosed (Public School IEP)	300	300	CA2022 Page 58-60
Diagnosed (documented by professional)	100	100	CA2022 Page 58-60
Suspected (documented by professional)	25	25	CA2022 Page 58-60
Family Risk Factors (choose all that apply)			
Child Abuse/Neglected (documented by an agency)	10	10	CA2022 Page 75
Family without Access to Medical Care	10	10	CA2022 Page 62
Currently one or both parents/legal guardian unemployed and looking for employment	10	10	CA 2022 Page 38
Currently income earned is not enough to cover rent and basic needs	10	10	CA 2022 Page 37 & 108
Foster, Kinship, legal guardian, relative caregivers (documented by an agency) or due to incarcerations of parents, substance abuse by parents, illness, disability, death, etc.	10	10	CA 2022 Page 75
Grandparents Caregiver or guardian	10	10	CA 2022 Page 75
Immigrants/Refugees (documented by an agency)	10	10	CA 2022 Page 26
Unauthorized immigrants unaffiliated with any agency		10	CA 2022 Page 26
Single Parent	10	10	CA2022 Page 29
Limited access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation	10	10	CA2022 Page 36
Food insecurity (lack of food during the month/without food stamps)	10	10	CA 2022 Page 70 & 108
Child without access to medical care	10	10	CA 2022 Page 62
Child/family lack of English proficiency		10	CA 2022 Page 26-31
Child risk factors			

Health chronic illness (documented by an agency)	10	10	CA 2022 Page 65
Child nutritional needs (special diet/WIC- Documented by a professional	10	10	CA 2022 Page 69
Transition and Continuation of services			
Transitioning from Early Head Start/Head Start Program	200	200	HSPPS
2022-2023 Eligible Waitlisted Child	5	10	

Revision Date: February 9, 2023

Policy Council Approval Date: February 16, 2023

Board Of County Commissioners (BCC) Approval Date: _____

Chart Legend

HSPPS: Head Start Program Policy Standard

CA: Community Assessment