

# Bear River Head Start Terms

<u>ACF</u>	<u>Administration for Children and Families</u>  An agency in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) responsible for family support programs including Head Start.
<u>Act</u>	<u>The Head Start Act</u>  Commonly referred to as the Act. On December 12, 2007, former President Bush signed Public Law 110-134 "Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007" reauthorizing the Head Start program.
<u>ACYF</u>	<u>Administration for Children, Youth and Families</u>  An agency in ACF at the national level responsible for Head Start, Child Welfare and other programs headed by the Commissioner.
<u>Board</u>	<u>Board of Trustees or Governing Body</u>  An appointed or elected group of individuals that has overall responsibility for the management of an organization. The Governing body has a legal and fiscal responsibility to administer and oversee the agency's Head Start and Early Head Start programs.
<u>BRHS</u>	<u>Bear River Head Start</u>  The legal name of our Head Start grantee.
<u>Bylaws</u>	<u>Bylaws</u>  A set of rules that govern an organization and/or its members. Both the Board and Policy Council have a set of bylaws that outline the composition, duties, etc. of each governing body.
<u>CACFP</u>	<u>Child and Adult Care Food Program</u>  Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and provides reimbursement costs associated with providing nutritious meals and snacks to children served by the program.
<u>CB</u>	<u>Centerbased</u>  A Head Start program option that provides Head Start services in a center or classroom location for the child receiving such services.
<u>CFR</u>	<u>Code of Federal Regulations</u>  All federal regulations, including Head Start 45 CFR Parts 1300-1305, are organized into this publication.

CLASS

CLASS Pre-K: The Classroom Assessment Scoring System

The CLASS is an observational instrument that assesses classroom quality in preschool through third grade classrooms. This tool meets the requirements described in 641(c)(1)(D) and 641A(c)(2)(F) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9836(c)(1)(D) and 9836a(c)(2)(F)). The CLASS assesses three domains of classroom experience: Emotional Support, Classroom Organization, and Instructional Support.

CA

Community Assessment

To design a program that meets community needs, and builds on strengths and resources, a program must conduct a community assessment at least once over the five-year grant period. The community assessment must use data that describes community strengths, needs, and resources. A program must annually review and update the community assessment to reflect any significant changes.

DLL

Dual Language Learner

A child who is acquiring two or more languages at the same time, or a child who is learning a second language while continuing to develop their first language. The term "dual language learner" may encompass or overlap substantially with other terms frequently used, such as bilingual, English language learner (ELL), Limited English Proficient (LEP), English learner, and children who speak a Language Other Than English (LOTE).

EHS

Early Head Start

A public or private non-profit or for-profit entity designated by ACF to operate an Early Head Start program to serve pregnant women and children from birth to age three, pursuant to Section 645A(e) of the Head Start Act.

Early Learning Framework

The Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework: Ages Birth to Five

It describes the skills, behaviors, and knowledge that programs must foster in all children. It includes five central domains: Approaches to Learning; Social and Emotional Development; Language and Literacy; Cognition; and Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development. These central domains are broken into five domains for infants and toddlers and seven domains for preschoolers.

Enrolled

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A child has been accepted and attended at least one class for center-based or family child care option or at least one home visit for the home-based option.

<u>ERSEA</u>	<u>Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, Attendance</u> ERSEA governs how programs determine eligibility, enroll children, and track attendance.
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> A 12-month period that an organization uses to report its finances. The fiscal year for Bear River Head Start runs February 1 <sup>st</sup> through January 31 <sup>st</sup> .
<u>Funded Enrollment</u>	<u>Funded Enrollment</u> The number of participants which the Head Start grantee is to serve, as indicated on the grant award.
<u>Grant Year</u>	<u>Grant Year</u> A 12-month period for which services are funded through a specific grant award. A grant year may or may not align with the Fiscal Year. The grant year for the Head Start / Early Head Start grant runs February 1 <sup>st</sup> through January 31 <sup>st</sup> . The grant year for the Early Head Start Expansion/ECP grant runs August 1 <sup>st</sup> through July 31 <sup>st</sup> .
<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Grantee</u> The local public or private non-profit agency or for-profit agency which has been designated as a Head Start agency under 42 U.S.C. 9836 and which has been granted financial assistance by the responsible HHS official to operate a Head Start program.
<u>HB</u>	<u>Homebased</u> A Head Start program option that provides Head Start services in the private residence of the child receiving such services.
<u>HHS</u>	<u>Department of Health and Human Services</u> An agency within the Federal Government of which ACF is a part.
<u>HSPPS</u>	<u>Head Start Program Performance Standards</u> Commonly referred to as the Performance Standards (PS.) A legally defined set of minimum performance criteria for each component in Head Start. The Performance Standards are accompanied by guidance and suggestions on how to implement the standards.
<u>IDEA</u>	<u>Individuals with Disabilities Education Act</u>

IDEA is a law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities and ensures special education and related services to those children. It governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to eligible infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities.

IEP

Individualized Education Program

A written statement for each child with a disability that is developed, reviewed, and revised in a meeting and that must include a statement of the child's present level of academic achievement and functional performance, a statement of measurable annual goals, a description of how the child's progress toward meeting the annuals goals will be measured, a statement of the special education and related services and supplementary aids and services to be provided to the child, or on behalf of the child, and a statement of the program modifications or supports for school personnel that will be provided, etc.

IFSP

Individualized Family Service Plan

The written plan for providing early intervention services to an infant or toddler with a disability and infant's or toddler's family.

In-Kind/Non-Federal Match

In-Kind or Non-Federal Match

Contributions of goods, volunteer time or donated space that satisfy the 20 percent matching requirement of Head Start funding.

NHSA

National Head Start Association

A private not-for-profit membership organization (made up of parents and Head Start staff) dedicated exclusively to meeting the needs of Head Start children and their families.

OHS

Office of Head Start

The Head Start and Early Head Start programs are administered by the Office of Head Start, within the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The Office of Head Start administers grant funding and oversight as well as federal policy direction and a training and technical assistance (T/TA) system to help grantees in providing comprehensive services to eligible young children and their families.

PC

Policy Council

A group of parents and community representatives representing the currently enrolled participants and local communities. Policy Council is responsible for the direction of the Head Start program at the agency level.

PHS

Preschool Head Start or Head Start

A local public or private non-profit or for-profit entity designated by ACF to operate a Head Start program to serve children age three to compulsory school age, pursuant to section 641(b) and (d) of the Head Start Act.

Program Improvement Report

Program Improvement Report

A summary of data collected throughout the year from staff surveys, Parent Committee surveys and feedback from Head Start meetings used to evaluate the program's progress towards meeting goals, compliance with Performance Standards throughout the program year and the effectiveness of the professional development and family engagement systems in promoting school readiness.

PIR

Program Information Report

An annual report completed at the end of each program year by every Head Start program in the nation. The data is used by ACYF to report to Congress.

Program

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A Head Start, Early Head Start, migrant, seasonal, or tribal program, funded under the Act and carried out by an agency, or delegate agency, to provide ongoing comprehensive child development services.

Program Year

Program Year or Enrollment Year

The period of time, not to exceed twelve months, during which a Head Start program provides center or home based services to a group of children and their families.

Recruitment Area

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The geographic locality within which a Head Start program seeks to enroll Head Start children and families. The recruitment area can be the same as the service area or it can be a smaller area or areas within the service area.

Region XIII

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The Office of Head Start (OHS) has 12 Regional Offices that support the administration of grants, oversight, and training and technical assistance (T/TA). Bear River Head Start falls within the jurisdiction of Region XIII whose regional office is in Denver, Colorado.

School Readiness Goals

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The expectations of children's status and progress across domains of language and literacy development, cognition and general knowledge, approaches to learning, physical well-being and motor development, and social and emotional development that will improve their readiness for kindergarten.

Service Area

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The geographic area identified in an approved grant application within which a grantee may provide Head Start services.

Socializations

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A parent/child activity and educational group for program participants enrolled in the Homebased program option.

T/TA

Training and Technical Assistance

The OHS training and technical assistance system improves the knowledge, skills and practices of grantee staff to implement programs which, in turn, improve the outcomes of children and families.