

College Station Independent School District
BIRTH to FIVE HEAD START PROGRAM
“Growing Together Toward Tomorrow”

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
2017-2018 Summary of Changes

1302.14 Selection Process

(a) Selection criteria. (1) A program must annually establish selection criteria that weigh the prioritization of selection of participants...

1) **Eliminate** the line regarding Application Happening as the event is not being held this year. (Head Start form only)

2) **Combine** the 3 and 4 year old age lines as the 2016 program performance standards [(1302.14 (a) (3))] state that "If a program operates in a service area where Head Start eligible children can enroll in high-quality publicly funded pre-kindergarten for a **full school day**, the program must prioritize younger children as part of the selection criteria". (Head Start form only)

* This is currently true in our district as we have one High Quality Pre-Kindergarten classroom operating.

3) **Change** "teen parent at time of *application*" to "teen parent at time of *child's birth*". The rationale for this change is that a teen pregnancy (regardless of age) can dramatically change the trajectory for a child and family and should be of higher consideration for acceptance. (both forms)

4) **Remove** line due to redundancy with last line on ranking form (EHS form only)

5) **Discussion** with Policy Council for their input and decision on how to provide support for families who have been in Head Start or Early Head Start previously. Documentation will be required. (both forms)

* Presented to the Birth to Five Head Start Policy Council for approval on **March 28**, 2017. Approval followed.

* Presented to Board of Trustees for approval on **April 18**, 2017