




# College Station Independent School District

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent

From: Greg McIntyre, Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction 

Date: December 13, 2012

Subject: Required Board Approvals for Birth-to-Five Head Start One-Time Technology Funding Request

Agenda Item: H-4

Board Priority/  
District Goal: Priority 2/Goals 1-5

## BACKGROUND

Head Start Program Performance Standards require the participation of the CSISD Board of Trustees as the governing body of the program to approve grant requests. Although funding is not currently offered, the director has been encouraged by the Regional Office to make application for a one time request in the event that funds become available. This practice ensures that the needs of the program are known at the regional level and that the necessary paperwork is in place for a speedy submission.

Technology use by the Birth-to-Five program has increased steadily over the past three years. The birth-to-five assessment system is completely online as are curriculum tools and lesson planning templates for the classroom based component. The home-based component relies strongly on technology tools to bring resources and curricular materials into the visits to support activities and supplement items available within the home environment.

The use of technology both streamlines and deepens the assessment processes used in early childhood environments. Up-to-date and efficient tools create a greater ability to accurately and authentically examine the development and progress of children as they learn through play based experiences in appropriate settings. This grant request is for particular tools to support the assessment process. iPads will host the application of our assessment program, Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG), and will allow staff to photograph and video children's work and interactions in home and classroom settings. iPods will hold music and other curriculum related resources will enrich the home visit experience designed to deepen parent-child attachment and to provide parents with tools and strategies to continue building connections as well as vocabulary development for the youngest learners. All strategies used with iTools have the objective of preparing children for school success.

The Birth-to-Five Head Start program has worked with the district technology department to obtain bids for the required technology tools. The total for the request will be \$45,950. A waiver will be submitted with the funding request to ask that no additional in kind requirement be required, as the district contributes above the required 20% match.

This request was approved by the Birth-to-Five Policy Council on November 29, 2012.

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the CSISD Board of Trustees approve the College Station Independent School District Birth-to-Five Head Start Program request for one time funds to update and increase technology resources. A signature page will be provided at the meeting for the approval of this request.

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