

ESC, Region 20 Head Start Program Philosophy

Head Start Program Mission Statement

To help children and families become strong, healthy, successful, and socially competent through community involvement, family support, and positive parenting.

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It is the philosophy of the ESC - 20 Head Start Program, in collaboration with school districts, to provide children with a stimulating learning environment promoting cognitive, social-emotional and physical development growth opportunities. This is achieved through the utilization of relevant lessons and hands-on activities based on best practices with respect to age-appropriate concepts, socialization, safety, health, wellness and diversity fostering independence and a lifelong love of learning.

We believe parental involvement and community support is at the foundation of a child's success. The program provides opportunities for families to become self-sufficient, collaborative partners to guide their child's educational future in becoming a strong community member.

Together, communities and parents strive to shape a culturally diverse and nurturing experience for children to achieve their greatest potential.

Head Start embraces a core set of values:

- Establishing a supportive learning environment for children, parents, and staff
- Respecting the community diversities through sensitive, proactive approaches
- Ensuring that basic health needs are met through comprehensive services
- Promoting individual development through social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth
- Fostering relationships with community agencies to best serve participating families