

**Duluth Public Schools Federal Head Start Continuation Grant
Fiscal Year 2024**

Funding Type	Federal Head Start
Program Operations	\$2,776,288
Training and Technical Assistance	\$28,958
Federal Funded Enrollment	190
Total Funding	\$2,805,246

This is year four of a five year grant cycle.

Broad Goals remain:

- 1. High Quality Inclusion: Navigating Trauma**
 - a. Partnership with Early Childhood Special Education
- 2. Walking the Talk of Equity**
 - a. Oshki-Inwewin: A classroom that infuses curriculum with Ojibwe language and culture. Some language and experiences have extended to all classrooms.
 - b. Closing Opportunity Gaps
 - i. Nature Play
 - ii. Safety Around Water classes
 - iii. Streamlined scholarships to Duluth Children’s Museum and the YMCA
 - iv. Family Day passes to the YMCA
 - c. Antiracist Book Study for Teachers offered through News and Views
- 3. Fostering Resilience with a Focus on Health and Wellness**
 - a. Nature Play
 - b. YMCA partnership
 - c. Health and Wellness Challenges for Staff and Families
 - d. New next year: Adult swim lessons for Head Start parents

Differences between this year’s and last year’s Continuation Grant:

We will be:

- Shifting some programming to better meet the needs of our community
- Full blending of VPK with Head Start/School Readiness classrooms to provide a uniform classroom experience and duration (5 days per week). Tuition will be charged for hours over and above the VPK minimum. Scholarships are available to help cover the cost of tuition and a sliding scale will be used.

By signing below, you are indicating that this Federal Head Start Continuation Grant has been shared and approved by the Head Start Governing Board and Parent Policy Council.

Jill Lofald, School Board Chair

Scott Longaker, Policy Council Chair