

One-Time Head Start Supplemental Nutrition Grant

Requested funds from the Office of Head Start

OUR MISSION

Every student, every day will be empowered with learning opportunities for growth, creativity and curiosity, in preparation for their future in a global community.

OUR VISION

Duluth Public Schools provides an academically engaging, safe and inclusive environment with high expectations and responsible use of resources.

OUR CORE VALUES

Learning



Developing a love of learning through life-long inquiry.

Excellence



Having high standards for all through accountability, integrity and authenticity.

Equity



Creating conditions of justice, fairness and inclusion so all students have access to the opportunities to learn and develop to their fullest potential.

Collaboration



Working in partnership with staff, families, students and community.

Belonging



Providing a welcoming and accessible environment where everyone feels safe, seen and heard.

The requested one-time funds for nutrition and health, through the Office of Head Start, log number ACF-OHS-PI-25-02 will focus on grant area 3: Nutrition and Education Resources for Head Start children in the Duluth Preschool classroom setting.

The requested funds will be used to promote taste and non-taste exposures for the children in each of the 13 Head Start classes. Duluth Preschool Head Start children will have the opportunity to taste new, novel, and familiar fruits and vegetables, paired with literacy and classroom community activities.

Both the taste and non-taste fruits and vegetables experiences will take place 2 times per month, in each of the 13 Duluth Preschool Head Start classes, from December 2025 through May 2026.

The classroom teaching staff will be guided by the Head Start Nutrition Coordinator and Head Start Education Coordinator in the implementation of the taste and non-taste fruits and vegetables experiences and supporting activities.

Parents will be included in the experience through take-home ideas for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in their preschoolers, shared through the ChildPlus platform.

A final take-home book will allow each Head Start family to try a taste and non-taste fruit and vegetable experience in their own home. Parents will be prompted to explore taste, texture, colors, and descriptive vocabulary in the home setting, providing an effective and appropriate way to improve fruit and vegetable intake in their preschool children.

The budget for this proposal includes the taste component of the experience of \$2000.00 for fresh fruits and vegetables, based on the July 2025 USDA food price outlook. The budget will also include \$3000.00 for children's books depicting or including fruits and vegetables for the classrooms and each of the children's families. Duluth Preschool in-kind includes the service of the teaching staff, Nutrition Coordinator, Education Coordinator and ChildPlus Communication Platform. The total requested funds through the Office of Head Start, log number ACF-OHS-PI-25-02 for Head Start children in the Duluth Preschool is \$5000.00



Questions?

- Any questions?
- Comments?
- Concerns?
- Feedback?