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This part implements the statutory requirements of Section 642(c)–(d) of the Head Start Act. It provides regulations about program governance and the composition and responsibilities for the governing body, advisory committee, Policy Council, policy committees, and parent committees. Governing bodies have a legal and fiscal responsibility to administer and oversee the agency's Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Policy Councils, and policy committees at the delegate level, are responsible for the direction of the agency's Head Start and Early Head Start programs. This part covers training for governing bodies and includes regulations governing the impasse procedures for resolving disputes between the governing body and the Policy Council.



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This part implements the statutory requirements in Sections 641A, 645, 645A, and 648A of the Head Start Act by describing all of the Program Performance Standards required to operate Head Start, Early Head Start, American Indian and Alaska Native, and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs. It covers the full range of operations, from enrolling eligible children and providing program services to those children and their families to managing programs to ensure staff are qualified and supported to effectively provide services. This part also focuses on using data through ongoing program improvement to ensure high-quality services. As required in the Act, these provisions do not narrow the scope or quality of services covered in previous regulations. Instead, these regulations raise the quality standard to reflect science and best practices, and streamline and simplify requirements so programs can better understand what is required for quality services. Subparts A–J are covered in this part.



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This part specifies the financial and administrative requirements of agencies. Subpart A of this part outlines the financial requirements consistent with Sections 640(b) and 644(b)–(c) of the Act. Subpart B specifies the administrative requirements consistent with Sections 644(a)(1), 644(e), 653, 654, 655, 656, and 657A. Subpart C of this part implements the statutory provision at Section 641A(b)(4) that directs the secretary to ensure the confidentiality of any personally identifiable data, information, and records collected or maintained. Subpart D prescribes regulations for the operation of delegate agencies consistent with Section 641(A)(d). Subpart E of this part implements the statutory requirements in Section 644(c), (f), and (g) related to facilities. Subpart F prescribes regulations on transportation consistent with Section 640(i) of the Act.



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This part contains the Head Start Program Performance Standards relating to federal administrative procedures. Subpart A focuses on the monitoring process. It discusses areas of noncompliance, deficiencies, and corrective action through quality improvement plans, and includes administrative procedures for the suspension or termination of grantees and the appeals process. Subpart B sets forth policies and procedures for the designation renewal of Head Start and Early Head Start programs. It is intended that these programs be administered effectively and responsibly; that applicants to administer programs receive fair and equitable consideration; and that the legal rights of current Head Start and Early Head Start grantees be fully protected. Subpart C sets forth policies and procedures for the selection of grantees through competition, and Subpart D provides regulation for the replacement of American Indian and Alaska Native grantees. Subpart E sets forth policies and procedures relating to the selection process, placement, restriction, duration, and status of Head Start fellows.



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**This part defines terms
for the purposes of this
subchapter.**

