Title I, Part A

LEA Affirmation of Coordination with Head Start

The ESEA, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), requires LEAs receiving Title I funds to develop agreements with Head Start and other early childhood providers to increase coordination. The goal of this coordination is to provide higher-quality learning experiences and a more seamless transition to kindergarten.

The following activities must be addressed in a formal agreement between the LEA and Head Start. If feasible, the LEA may also enter into formal agreements with other early childhood programs. Indiana Head Start Grantees can be found here.

Check to indicate that each activity, referred to under Section 1119 of ESSA regarding coordination requirements, has been addressed in a formal agreement.

☐ 1. Developing and implementing a systematic procedure for receiving records regarding such children, transferred with parental consent from a Head Start program or, where applicable, another early childhood education program;

☐ 2. Establishing channels of communication between school staff and their counterparts (including teachers, social workers, and health staff) in such Head Start agencies or other entities carrying out early childhood education programs, as appropriate, to facilitate coordination of programs;

☐ 3. Conducting meetings involving parents, kindergarten, or elementary school teachers, and Head Start teachers or, if appropriate, teachers from other early childhood education programs, to discuss the developmental and other needs of individual children;

☐ 4. Organizing and participating in joint transition-related training of school staff, Head Start program staff, and, where appropriate, other early childhood education program staff; and

☐ 5. Linking the educational services provided by such local educational agency with the services provided by local Head Start agencies.

- The LEA must attach a signed copy of this written affirmation to the Title I Grant Application.
- The LEA maintains a signed copy of this written affirmation and a copy of the MOU with Head Start in its files.

Public School Official	Date	Head Start Grantee Authorized Representative	Date
School District Name		Head Start Grantee Name	