

**MCPHERSON**

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**MCPHERSON AND MARION COUNTY  
EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM**

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## **What is Policy Council?**

Policy Council is a group of parents and community members who help lead and make decisions about our Head Start program. Policy Council members are elected by parents of children enrolled in the program.

The Policy Council meets regularly as a group. Members can serve for one year at a time, and for up to five years. They work closely with the program's management team and governing body to provide overall direction for the program.

Policy Council should consist of parent representation from each program site.

## **Why do Head Start Programs Have a Policy Council?**

Head Start created the Policy Council as a formal leadership and policy-making role for parents. Head Start programs must have a Policy Council as part of their leadership structure. Policy Council provides parents with an opportunity to have a voice in decisions about how the program spends money, what children do in their classrooms, and how the program works with community partners.

## **Joining the Policy Council?**

If you are interested in serving on Policy Council please plan on joining us at your schools recruitment night (flyers shared during back to school night or home visits) to learn more and to complete an interest form. If you are not able to attend and are interested please reach out to your school's Family Advocate.