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**2008 PROGRAM GOVERNANCE QUIZ**

- T F (1) The Head Start Board of Directors and the Head Start Policy Council are distinct from one another, yet function collectively to provide leadership to the Head Start Agency.
- T F (2) The new Head Start Act requires that at least one member of the Governing Board must: have expertise and experience in fiscal management or accounting; have expertise and experience in early childhood development and education: be a licensed attorney.
- T F (3) Head Start parents cannot serve on the Governing Board.
- T F (4) Each Head Start Agency must conduct a comprehensive self- assessment of it's effectiveness and progress in meeting program goals and objectives annually.
- T F (5) Parents of children enrolled in the Head Start program must make up a majority (or at least 51%) of the Policy Council.
- T F (6) It is the sole responsibility of the Head Start's Policy Council to ensure compliance with applicable Federal, State and local laws.
- T F (7) The Board is responsible for approving personnel policies and procedures related to the hiring, evaluation, compensation, and termination of the Executive Director.
- T F (8) Policy Council community representatives must be elected by parents of children currently enrolled in the Head Start program.
- T F (9) Board members can receive monetary compensation for serving on the Board.
- T F (10) If the Head Start agency cannot recruit individuals to serve on the Board that have the necessary qualities and expertise as outlined in the New Head Start Act, the Board may use consultants to work with the Board in an advisory capacity.
- T F (11) The Head Start Governing Board will have no input in the developing of procedures for how members of Policy Council are selected.
- T F (12) A Head Start governing body is permitted to form an advisory committee to oversee key responsibilities related to program governance and program improvement, and in so doing, relinquishes it's legal and fiscal responsibility for the Head Start agency.
- T F (13) If an impasse arises between the governing body and the policy group, it will be the responsibility of the Secretary of the Department of Human Services to develop policies, procedures, and guidance for resolving such disputes.
- T F (14) Under the new Head Start Act, the Board members, as well as the members of the Policy Council, are prohibited from having a conflict of interest with the Head Start agency.
- T F (15) Information concerning agency financial audits will only be shared with the Governing Board.
- T F (16) Governing Board members must operate as an entity independent of staff employed at the Head Start agency.
- T F (17) In order to ensure that low-income members of Policy Council, Policy Committee or Parent Committee can fully participate in their group responsibilities, grantee or delegate agencies will provide financial reimbursement for reasonable, related expenses incurred by the members.
- T F (18) Each Head Start agency must share information about program planning, policies and agency operations with both the Board and Policy Council.
- T F (19) Head Start agencies have no obligation to provide Board members and Policy Council members with training and/or technical assistance to ensure that members understand the information received to effectively oversee the programs of the Head Start agency.
- T F (20) Policy Council must approve and submit to the Governing Board decisions regarding program recruitment, selection and enrollment priorities.

