



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

How to Comment on the Head Start NPRM

HHS has proposed sweeping changes to the Head Start Program Performance Standards. Anyone may comment—including parents, staff, programs, governing boards, Policy Councils, and community partners.

COMMENTS DUE OCTOBER 6, 2026

HOW TO SUBMIT A COMMENT

- 1 Scan the QR code or use the direct link below.
- 2 On Regulations.gov, select the blue “Comment” button.
- 3 Enter your comment. You may type it in or attach a document.
- 4 Review your comment and select “Submit Comment.”

WHAT TO INCLUDE

- Who you are and your connection to Head Start.
- The specific proposed change that concerns you.
- How it would affect children, families, staff, or your community.
- A personal story, local example, data, or professional experience.
- A clear request—ask HHS clarifying questions, to withdraw, or to revise the concerning changes.

BEFORE YOU SUBMIT

Include “Office of Head Start, Administration for Children and Families, HHS—Docket ACF–2026–0595 (RIN 0970–AD30)” in your comment or attachment. Your comment and the identity of the person or organization submitting it will become part of the public record and may be posted publicly without change. Do not include confidential information or identifying information about children or families.

IMPORTANT FOR HEAD START STAFF

If submitting a personal comment, do so on your own time, using a personal device and personal email—not during work time or on a work-issued device. Follow your employer’s policies. Programs submitting an official organizational comment should use their established approval process.

SCAN TO COMMENT

[regulations.gov/commenton/ACF-2026-0595-0002](https://www.regulations.gov/commenton/ACF-2026-0595-0002)

