



**Interagency Agreement Between
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Early Childhood Education Program
and**

North Kitsap School District Division of Special Services

Effective Dates: August 31, 2017 through September 30, 2018

This agreement, entered into this 31st day of August, 2017 specifies the joint cooperative agreements and activities for providing educational and support services to children birth to five years old with disabilities in North Kitsap County. The arrangements and activities specified herein are mutually acceptable to, and hereby agreed upon by, both the PGS'KT ECE Program and the North Kitsap School District, Division of Special Services.

This agreement is being executed in light of the Congressional mandates requiring Head Start programs to recruit, enroll, and provide early intervention services to preschoolers and children birth to three years old with disabilities as well as the Washington State mandates which makes school districts the prime responsible authority for providing a free appropriate education to all children with disabilities, ages birth to six, in a least restrictive environment; it recognizes the necessity for cooperation and collaboration between Early Childhood programs and local school districts in implementing their respective legislative mandates.

The intent of this agreement is to ensure each agency cooperatively maintains communication and shares leadership responsibilities to ensure that available resources are used in an effective manner. This interagency agreement will be reviewed annually and can be terminated by either partner at a review meeting. If neither party has changes to the previous year's agreement both parties can mutually agree to initial and date the existing agreement thus maintaining continuous service.

North Kitsap School District, Division of Special Services, in fulfilling the terms of this cooperative agreement, agrees to the following:

1. Provide assessment services.
 - a. Accept referrals from PGS'KT for children who after screening is performed have concerns and/or needs. Both PGS'KT and school district staff shall review the screening results.
 - b. Further assessment shall be performed by the school district for all children identified through the screening as needing further testing. Completion of developmental assessments shall meet the required timelines of WAC.
2. Provide a full range of educational and support services to all identified, eligible disabled three to five year olds who are dually enrolled in PGS'KT ECE Program and the school district's programs.
 - a. The eligible preschool child with a disability shall attend the PGS'KT EC program in the morning or afternoon and receive special as specified by the IEP Team.
 - b. Transportation will be considered as a related service by the IEP Team and provided by the North Kitsap School District if the IEP Team determines it necessary.
 - c. PGS'KT will be part of the IEP Team for all children enrolled in PGS'KT Early Childhood programs. The IEP Team will consider supplementary aids and services as well as provide a statement of program modifications and supports to be provided.

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6. Abide by confidentiality and parental permission procedure in regards to the records of all PGS'KT enrolled children with disabilities.

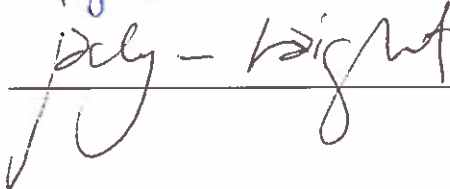
7. Assist the North Kitsap School District in implementing "child find" activities in the PGS'KT service area.

This agreement, upon its signatory parties signing below, shall not constitute a legal obligation on the part of either party to engage in the activities contained herein; however, it establishes a framework for cooperative interaction between the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe and the North Kitsap School District, Division of Special Services for providing educational and support services to the Early Childhood Education Program which includes Preschool children with disabilities and birth to three year old children with concerns in our Early Head Start, and it should be viewed as the formal document which governs the ongoing, working relationship between the PGS'KT and the NKSD for the period of August 31, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

NKSD Special Education Director  Date 9/21/17

NKSD Early Childhood Coordinator  Date 9-8-17

PGS'KT Ex Director  Date 10/3/17

PGS'KT ECEP Director  Date 10/2/17