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## Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) funding when Head Start (HS) is in Re-Competition

GSRP grantees are responsible to be aware of HS grantees within the region which have been identified for re-competition. Intermediate School Districts (ISD) are encouraged to look carefully at individual HS sites when planning slot distribution. Unless an ISD knows that the HS grantee will be unable to operate for the entire school year, it should not automatically disqualify all of the grantee's HS sites from participation in GSRP.

If a HS grantee in re-competition applies for slots from the ISD, the responsibility for demonstrating viability as a GSRP partner rests with HS. HS must provide the ISD with:

- A copy of the Office of Head Start final monitoring report;
- The grantee's re-competition documentation; and
- A plan for addressing noncompliance findings in order to provide a high quality preschool program and fulfill responsibilities associated with GSRP.

After review of documentation and consideration of additional available information, including individual Great Start to Quality (GSQ) scores from the potential sites, the ISD will determine if the HS site is of sufficient quality to be a GSRP subrecipient. As always, the ISD must consider how lower income children in the area will be able to receive high quality preschool services.

If an ISD finds sites proposed by a HS agency that is in re-competition unsuitable for GSRP participation, it **will not negatively affect** compliance with legislative and grant requirements related to the percentage of slots distributed to community agencies as long as the ISD has explored opportunities with all other eligible potential community partners.