



Moral imperative: ALL students will have an equal opportunity to prepare for college and/or careers with the support of highly qualified educators in a learning environment that is resource rich, safe, and welcoming.

Special School Board Meeting -Virtual

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**Kenosha Unified School District
Kenosha, Wisconsin**

September 3, 2025

**REQUEST TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR HEAD START SUPPLEMENTAL
FUNDS FOR NUTRITION AND HEALTHY EATING**

Background

The Kenosha Unified School District Head Start Program is requesting one-time supplemental funding in the amount of \$24,500 for the 2025–2026 school year to strengthen nutritional services and promote lifelong healthy habits among enrolled Head Start students. This project targets two critical areas: ensuring equitable access to nutritious foods and expanding opportunities for daily physical activity. By addressing these needs, KUSD’s Head Start Program can support students’ physical well-being and long-term health outcomes.

In addition, the Department of Head Start requires that the KUSD School Board approve recipients of these supplemental funds, even when the amount requested falls below the district’s financial threshold for board approval.

Budget Narrative and Cost

Category	Description	Cost Estimate
Food Storage Equipment	Six energy-efficient refrigerators (\$1,000 each) to be installed at each Head Start school site.	\$6,000
Indoor Exercise Equipment	The project will provide indoor exercise equipment to promote physical development, build gross motor skills, and encourage lifelong healthy activity habits.	\$15,000
Nutritious Foods	Supplemental funding will be used to provide fresh fruits, vegetables, and protein-rich whole-food snacks to students.	\$3,500

Program Impact

This project will:

- Expand healthy food access by ensuring proper storage and consistent distribution of fresh fruits, vegetables, and protein-rich snacks.
- Provide daily exposure of nutritious foods for 330 students; reinforce classroom nutrition lessons; offer teachers healthier food options to integrate into daily routines; and ensure students have regular exposure to nutritious foods.
- Enhance physical development by increasing opportunities for gross motor activity—

even during inclement weather—helping children build strong bodies and improve self-regulation through sensory-based activities.

- Establish lasting infrastructure through the purchase of energy-efficient refrigerators and developmentally appropriate preschool exercise equipment, creating long-term benefits that extend beyond the grant period.

Recommendation

Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the application submission, and use of funds if awarded, to one-time Head Start supplemental funds for nutrition and healthy eating in the amount of \$24,500 to support healthy eating initiatives and physical wellness for the 2025–2026 school year.

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Superintendent of Schools

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Chief of School Leadership

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