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Guam Head Start Program Updates

The Guam Department of Education (“GDOE”) would like to inform its stakeholders that the Guam Head Start Program has changed its calendar to increase instructional time from 160 days to 168 days, and will begin the transition to a full school day program. This year, seven (7) Head Start centers will be following the elementary school schedule. These sites are C. L. Taitano I, Chief Brodie I, Maria Ulloa I, Finegayan, Marcial Sablan, J. M. Guerrero, and M. U. Lujan. All other sites remain half day (4 hours).

The chart below describes the changes made to the GDOE calendar as it relates to the Head Start Program.

Parent Orientation is scheduled for August 21 and 22, with the first day of class being Wednesday, August 23. Selection letters have been mailed and follow-up telephone calls are being conducted. Families are welcome to call the office at 300-1603/0604 to inquire about their child’s status.

New Head Start Specific Calendar Dates	
August 14 – 18, 2017	Head Start Professional Development / Pre-Service Cancelled August 21-24
August 21 & 22, 2017	Parent Child Day and Child Assessments Replaces August 25
September 11, 2017 (no change)	NO CLASS: Child Assessments and Home visits September 18 & 25 are cancelled / deleted
February 14, 2018 (no change)	CLASS is in session with a Head Start Parent Teacher Conference
May 14, 2018 (no change)	NO CLASS: Home visits and Child Assessment

Head Start continues registration and enrollment of children and families throughout the school year and maintains a waitlist for each center to ensure a short waiting time to replace children who leave or transfer out of the program.

For more information, please call the Head Start Program office at 300-1603/0604.