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ELC of Duval's Board of Directors approved Guiding Stars of Duval 3.0 on June 8, 2016, with an emphasis on teacher-child interactions as measured by CLASS - Classroom Assessment Scoring System.



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# Guiding Stars of Duval



## What is Guiding Stars of Duval?

Guiding Stars of Duval is THE quality rating system for child care providers in Duval County. Child care centers and family child care homes can both volunteer to be part of this program.

## Why Guiding Stars?

Guiding Stars participants commit to:

- Being accountable to higher standards, than just the basic requirements set by the State of Florida.
- Providing quality education and helping prepare children for school.
- Working to ensure all children in their care are safe, happy & healthy.

Together, we can make a difference in quality early education for Jacksonville's youngest citizens.

*Denise Marzullo, ELC of Duval,  
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## Focus Areas:

- Evaluation of Teacher - Child Interaction
- Staff Qualifications
- Curriculum Based Assessment
- Professional Development



## Currently:

- 56% of Child Care Centers in Duval with School Readiness (SR) Contracts participate in Guiding Stars.
- 68.5% of SR Children are enrolled in Guiding Stars Centers.