Florida Office of Early Learning
School Readiness Program
Health and Safety Standards Update

Group Size/Active Credential Requirements

Age Group	Ratios	Maximum Group Size	No Active Credential Required	1 Active Credential Required	2 Active Credentials Required
Birth to 12 months	1:4	12	1-4 children	5-8 children	9-12 children
One Year Olds	1:6	12	1-6 children	7-12 children	N/A
Two Year Olds	1:11	22	1-11 children	12-22 children	N/A
Three Year Olds	1:15	30	1-15 children	16-30 children	N/A
Four, Five, Six Year Olds	1:20	40	1-20 children	21-40 children	N/A
School-Age (>6)	1:25	50	1-25 children	26-50 children	N/A

- For each of the group sizes listed above, appropriate staff to child ratios must also be maintained at all times.

- For **Mixed age groups** where all the kids are 2 years old and up – group size for majority population applies.

- For **Mixed age groups** that include children under 2 years old – group size for youngest population applies.

- Group sizes do not apply during **dining, specific large group assemblies/activities (special events), or outdoor play**, as long as supervision and ratios are maintained.

- Group sizes do not apply during **sedentary activities** for school-age only programs, as long as supervision and ratios are maintained.

- **Active credentials are a component of group size.** During the times/situations listed above when group size does not apply, the active credential requirement also does not apply.

- Active credential requirements also do not apply during times of **napping or sleeping**, as long as related supervision and ratio requirements are maintained.

- All new lead teachers will have one year from the start of employment to obtain an active credential. However, the new lead teacher must show documentation of enrollment in credential requirement courses within six months of employment.

- The active credential requirement goes into effect **October 25, 2018**.

- Active credentials must be submitted and processed through DCF's Credential Unit. Additional Information on how to submit a staff credential application can be found on DCF's website at http://ccrain.fl-dcf.org/documents/-99/2484.pdf#page=1.

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