

WAC 110-302-0140 Space arrangement, child-related displays, private space, and belongings. (1) ONB program materials and equipment must be visible and accessible to children in care, and arranged to promote and encourage independent access by children. The outdoor natural environment must provide age and developmentally appropriate materials for children, consistent with the ONB program's curriculum philosophy.

(2) ONB providers must offer or allow a child to create a place for privacy. Such a space must:

(a) Still enable the ONB provider to supervise children; and

(b) Include an area accessible to children who seek or need time alone or in small groups.

(3) ONB providers must have extra clothing available for children who wet, soil, or have a need to change clothes. Pursuant to WAC 110-302-0147, the ONB program must ensure that children have the appropriate clothing for the weather and must have extra clothing available for children whose parent or guardian did not provide the appropriate clothing.

(4) ONB providers must designate storage space for each child's belongings while the child is in attendance. At a minimum, the space must be:

(a) Accessible to the child; and

(b) Large enough and spaced sufficiently apart from other storage space to:

(i) Store the child's personal articles and clothing; and

(ii) Promote or encourage children to organize their possessions.

(5) Child usable and accessible areas must be arranged, or selected by an ONB program, to provide sufficient space for routine care, child play, and learning activities. These areas must be designed or selected by ONB programs to:

(a) Allow ONB providers to supervise or actively supervise the children, depending on the nature of the activities;

(b) Allow children to move freely; and

(c) Allow for different types of activities at the same time, such as gross motor activity, natural sciences, dramatic play, music and movement, language and literacy learning, manipulatives and loose parts, and environmental literacy opportunities.

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