

WAC 110-300-0357 Center mixed age group capacity, ratio, and group size. (1) A center early learning program must do the following to mix age groups of children in care (in addition to any specific requirements of this section):

(a) Meet the square footage and staff-to-child ratio requirements for the youngest child present in the group;

(b) Meet the health, safety, and developmental needs for all ages of children in the mixed group; and

(c) Inform the department of the center's mixed age group policy.

(2) A center early learning program must do the following to mix groups of children birth to thirty-six months old with a maximum group size of eight children:

(a) Have at least two staff present with the group, consisting of one lead teacher and one other staff member qualified under this chapter; and

(b) Keep a staff-to-child ratio of 1:4.

(3) A center early learning program must do the following to mix groups of children birth to thirty-six months old with a maximum group size of nine children:

(a) Have at least three staff present with the group, consisting of one lead teacher and two other staff members qualified under this chapter; and

(b) Keep a staff-to-child ratio of 1:3.

(4) A center early learning program must do the following to mix groups of children twelve to thirty-six months old:

(a) Have at least two staff present with the group, consisting of one lead teacher and one other staff member qualified under this chapter; and

(b) Keep a staff-to-child ratio of 1:7 with a maximum group size of fourteen children.

(5) A center early learning program must do the following to mix groups of children twelve to thirty-six months old:

(a) Have at least three staff present with the group, consisting of one lead teacher and two other staff members qualified under this chapter; and

(b) Keep a staff-to-child ratio of 1:5 with a maximum group size of fifteen children.

(6) A center early learning program must do the following to mix groups of children between thirty-six months old through kindergarten with a maximum group size of twenty children:

(a) Have at least two staff present with the group, consisting of one lead teacher and one other staff member qualified under this chapter; and

(b) Keep a staff-to-child ratio of 1:10.

(7) A center early learning program must do the following to mix groups of children between thirty-six months old through kindergarten with a maximum group size of twenty-six children:

(a) Have at least three staff present with the group, consisting of one lead teacher and two other staff members qualified under this chapter; and

(b) Keep a staff-to-child ratio of 1:10.

(8) A center early learning program must do the following to mix groups of children four and one-half to nine years old with a maximum group size of twenty children:

(a) Have at least two staff present with the group, consisting of one lead teacher and one other staff member qualified under this chapter; and

(b) Keep a staff-to-child ratio of 1:10.

(9) A center early learning program must do the following to mix groups of children four and one-half to nine years old with a maximum group size of twenty-six children:

(a) Have at least three staff present with the group, consisting of one lead teacher and two other staff members qualified under this chapter; and

(b) Keep a staff-to-child ratio of 1:10.

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