

WAC 110-301-0350 Supervising children during water activities.

(1) During water activities, a school-age provider must meet all supervision requirements of this section and WAC 110-301-0345.

(2) During water activities, a school-age provider must hold or have continuous touch of children with special needs as required.

(3) A school-age provider must have written permission for water activities from each child's parent or guardian.

(4) For water activities on or off the school-age program premises, where the water is more than twenty-four inches deep, a school-age provider must ensure:

(a) A certified lifeguard is present and on duty; and

(b) At least one additional staff member than would otherwise be required is present to help actively supervise the children.

(5) A school-age provider must have life-saving equipment readily accessible during water activities if a pool is six feet or more in any direction and two feet or more in depth. Life-saving equipment may include a ring buoy and rope, a rescue tube, or a throwing line and a shepherd's hook that will not conduct electricity.

(6) If a school-age provider takes children off-site to an area with an accessible body of water more than four inches deep (for example, a park with a lake or stream) but children are not engaging in a water activity, there must be:

(a) At least one more staff person than required in the staff-to-child ratio; and

(b) At least one attending staff person must be able to swim.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.216.055 and 43.216.065. WSR 21-10-035, § 110-301-0350, filed 4/27/21, effective 6/1/21.]