



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5101:2-17-01 "Step Up To Quality" (SUTQ): program standards.

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(A) Step up to quality (SUTQ) definitions.

(1) "Administrator"

- (a) Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS) licensed child care center administrator as defined in rule 5101:2-12-07 of the Administrative Code.
- (b) ODJFS licensed family child care provider as defined in rule 5101:2-13-07 of the Administrative Code.
- (c) Ohio department of education (ODE) licensed preschool director as defined in rule 3301-37-01 of the Administrative Code.
- (d) ODE licensed staff member as defined in rule 3301-32-02 of the Administrative Code.

(2) "Child care staff"

- (a) ODJFS licensed child care center staff as defined in rule 5101:2-12-08 of the Administrative Code.
- (b) ODJFS licensed family child care provider staff as defined in rule 5101:2-13-08 of the Administrative Code.
- (c) ODE licensed preschool staff member, head teacher, teacher, and non-teaching employee as defined in rule 3301-37-01 of the Administrative Code.

(3) "Family child care provider"

- (a) ODJFS licensed type A home provider.
- (b) ODJFS licensed type B home provider.

(4) "Program" includes all of the following:

- (a) Family child care provider.
- (b) ODJFS licensed child care center.
- (c) ODE licensed preschool.
- (d) ODE licensed school child program.



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- (B) An ODJFS licensed child care center and an ODE licensed preschool or school child program shall meet the standards for the star rating requested at registration as listed in appendices A, B, C, and D to this rule and family child care providers shall meet the standards as listed in appendices E, F, G, and H to this rule.
- (C) A program registering for a four or five-star rating may be awarded points based on the verification of the three-star rating requirements and its ability to earn additional points as outlined in the appendices to this rule.
- (D) A program shall obtain at least one point in each of the following domains in order to achieve a four or five-star rating:
 - (1) Learning and development.
 - (2) Administrative and leadership practices.
 - (3) Staff qualifications and professional development.
 - (4) Family and community partnerships.
- (E) For an ODJFS licensed child care center or an ODE licensed preschool or licensed school child program to achieve a four-star rating, it shall score thirty-five to fifty-five points. Points are indicated in appendix D to this rule.
- (F) For an ODJFS licensed child care center or an ODE licensed preschool or licensed school child program to achieve a five-star rating, it shall score fifty-six to seventy-nine points. Points are indicated in appendix D to this rule.
- (G) For a family child care provider to achieve a four-star rating, it shall score thirty to forty-five points. Points are indicated in appendix H to this rule.
- (H) For a family child care provider to achieve a five-star rating, it shall score forty-six to sixty-four points. Points are indicated in appendix H to this rule.