



## Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5180:2-20-03 Program.

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(A) What is the purpose of the written preschool philosophy and goals?

A written philosophy and goals shall give direction to the preschool program and shall provide a basis for daily operation that shall address the needs, interests, and abilities of each child through quiet and active play.

(B) What are the curriculum requirements for a preschool program?

A written curriculum shall be adopted which describes:

- (1) Developmentally appropriate activities, learning environment, and approaches which meet the individual needs of the children.
- (2) Alignment at the domain level to the early learning and development standards adopted by the state board of education.

(C) What elements are to be included in the preschool program's daily schedule?

The preschool program's daily schedule for each age group shall include a balance of both quiet and active play, throughout the day which shall meet the intellectual, physical, social, and emotional needs of each child through indoor and outdoor activities. The written daily schedule shall be reflected in actual observation of the program.

(D) When is a nap/rest period required in a preschool daily schedule?

A preschool program serving preschool children for more than five hours per day shall have a nap/rest period reflected in the daily written schedule. Nap/rest periods shall not exceed one and one-half hours.

(E) What are the sleeping and napping requirements for a preschool program?

The preschool is to comply with rule 5180:2-12-20 of the Administrative Code.

(F) When are child progress reports to be reviewed, reported, and shared with parents?

Children's developmental progress shall be reviewed and reported to parent(s) at established intervals. All reporting shall be according to the established procedures of the program's governing body. A conference involving the teacher and parent shall be held at least twice a year.

(G) How are preschool program policies and procedures to be communicated to parents?



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The preschool program shall have on file and provide to each parent a parent handbook that will:

- (1) Encourage parental participation and keep parents informed about the preschool program's operations, services and policies.
- (2) Notify parents of early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment (EPSDT) as well as developmental screening services available under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, as amended by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) at 20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.
- (3) Include information to advise parents how to obtain copies of inspection reports of the preschool and how to file a complaint with the department of children and youth (DCY).