



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5180:2-9-45 Scholars residential center.

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(A) A scholars residential center (SRC) is a center that meets all of the following:

(1) The center is a certified affiliate in good standing of a national organization with a mission to help underserved children in middle school and high school in a comprehensive manner that:

(a) Is academically focused and service-oriented and in a family-like setting.

(b) Is voluntary and uses a competitive selection process.

(2) Is private and not-for-profit.

(3) Does not receive Title IV-E funding or any associated Title IV funds related to child welfare.

(4) Only accepts direct placement of children placed by their parents or legal guardians.

(B) A private non-custodial agency (PNA) operating as a scholars residential center (SRC) is to comply with all applicable rules of Chapters 5101:2-5 and 5101:2-9 of the Administrative Code. If there is a conflict between a requirement of any provision in this rule or any provision of Chapter 5101:2-5 or 5101:2-9 of the Administrative Code, the provisions of this rule will take precedence.

(C) A scholars residential center is exempt from the following:

(1) Any policy or component of policy that is not specific or relevant to the SRC.

(2) Discharge summaries.

(3) Case plans or service plans.



- (4) Recreation and leisure activity requirements, provided that the center has a recreation area available and permits children to swim and has a person present, who has completed life-saving or water safety training.
- (5) Visiting and communications policies, provided that the center ensures the children have contact with their family.
- (6) Treatment focused requirements established for residential agencies.
- (D) A SRC is permitted to request agency waivers.
- (E) The SRC training requirements for staff include:
- (1) Orientation training, with a minimum of twenty hours of orientation within the first thirty days of hire before staff are able to be alone with the children, as described within rule 5101:2-9-03 of the Administrative Code.
- (2) Current American red cross, American heart association, or equivalent first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certification as described within rule 5101:2-9-03 of the Administrative Code.
- (3) One hour of annual trauma training.
- (F) A center will provide notification and documentation of critical incidents to the child's parent(s) or legal custodian(s).