



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3301.58 Licensing of preschool programs and school child programs - enforcement of rules.

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(A) The department of children and youth is responsible for the licensing of preschool programs and school child programs and for the enforcement of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and of any rules adopted under those sections. No school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school shall operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a preschool program without a license issued under this section. A school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, authorized private before and after school care program, or eligible nonpublic school may obtain a license under this section for a school child program. The school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school shall post the license for each preschool program and licensed school child program it operates, establishes, manages, conducts, or maintains in a conspicuous place in the preschool program or licensed school child program that is accessible to parents, custodians, or guardians and employees and staff members of the program at all times when the program is in operation.

(B) Any school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school that desires to operate, establish, manage, conduct, or maintain a preschool program shall apply to the department of children and youth for a license on a form that the department shall prescribe by rule. Any school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, authorized private before and after school care program, or eligible nonpublic school that desires to obtain a license for a school child program shall apply to the department for a license on a form that the department shall prescribe by rule. The department shall provide at no charge to each applicant for a license under this section a copy of the requirements under sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections. The department may establish application fees by rule adopted under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, and all applicants for a license shall pay any fee established by the department at the time of making an application for a license. All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be paid into the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.



(C) Upon the filing of an application for a license, the department of children and youth shall investigate and inspect the preschool program or school child program to determine the license capacity for each age category of children of the program and to determine whether the program complies with sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections. When, after investigation and inspection, the department is satisfied that sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections are complied with by the applicant, the department shall issue the program a provisional license as soon as practicable in the form and manner prescribed by the rules of the department. The provisional license shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance unless revoked.

(D) The department of children and youth shall investigate and inspect a preschool program or school child program that has been issued a provisional license at least once during operation under the provisional license. If, after the investigation and inspection, the department determines that the requirements of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections are met by the provisional licensee, the department shall issue the program a license. The license shall remain valid unless revoked or the program ceases operations.

(E) The department of children and youth annually shall investigate and inspect each preschool program or school child program licensed under division (D) of this section to determine if the requirements of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections are met by the program, and shall notify the program of the results.

(F) The license or provisional license shall state the name of the school district board of education, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, authorized private before and after school care program, or eligible nonpublic school that operates the preschool program or school child program and the license capacity of the program.

(G) The department of children and youth may revoke the license of any preschool program or school child program that is not in compliance with the requirements of sections 3301.52 to 3301.59 of the Revised Code and any rules adopted under those sections.

(H) If the department of children and youth revokes a license, the department shall not issue a license



to the program within two years from the date of the revocation. All actions of the department with respect to licensing preschool programs and school child programs shall be in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.