
Standards for School Administered Child Care Programs Rule 0520-12-01

The Background:

In accordance with T.C.A. §§ 49-1-1101-1109, the Department of Education is mandated to inspect and approve all programs subject to the State Board of Education's (State Board) jurisdiction pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-1-302(l). All public and private school-administered infant/toddler, preschool, before and after school programs, as well as, approved Montessori programs, TEIS early intervention programs, school-based and community-based Lottery Education Afterschool Programs, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers. These programs must be in compliance with Standards for Infant/Toddler, Preschool, and School-Age Extended Care Programs, adopted by the State Board and certified by the Department of Education and verified through inspection by the Department's child care program evaluators.

This item presents revisions to the Standards for Child Care Centers and School-Age Child Care Programs Rule to correct recent changes presented at the January 2017 board meeting.

Below is a brief summary of the changes (Page numbers refer to the version with tracked changes):

- **Page 15:** Toddler ratio changed to mirror DHS.
- **Page 15:** Language was reverted back to the original in the group size chart.
- **Page 16:** Before/after school chart was created for birth-five years of age.

The Fiscal Analysis Impact:

Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-1-212 requires that the department prepare a fiscal analysis of any policy, rule or regulation proposed to the State Board of Education. To the extent programs are not currently meeting the proposed requirements there could be a fiscal impact. For example, programs not currently providing professional development would be fiscally impacted.

The Recommendation:

The Department of Education recommends adoption of this item on final reading. The State Board staff concurs with this recommendation.