

Guide to Proposed Changes in Rule 11

General changes

The term “early childhood education programs” has been changed throughout the document to “prekindergarten programs”

Requirements for a home-based program have been added

Requirements for serving infants and toddlers in a center-based program have been added

Section 001 General Provisions

001.02 Scope and Application of this Rule wording has been updated

001.03 Intent has been eliminated

Section 002 Definitions

002.01 At-risk is defined

002.03 Center-based is defined

002.04 Class is defined

002.06 Comprehensive services definition is clarified

002.07 Curriculum is defined

Definition of Early childhood education program is deleted

002.10 Established is defined

002.13 Family development and support definition is clarified

002.14 Family literacy definition is clarified

002.15 Full-day program is defined

002.16 Home visiting services is defined

002.17 Home visitor is defined

002.18 Home visitor specialist is defined

002.19 Infant is defined

002.20 In-home family support is defined

002.21 Instructional hour is defined

002.22 Kindergarten entrance age definition is updated to reflect current law

002.25 Part-day program is defined

002.26 Partnership agreement is defined

002.27 Prekindergarten programs definition is updated

002.28 Preschooler is defined

002.29 Teach definition is clarified

002.31 Toddler is defined

Section 003 Prekindergarten Program Approval Process

003.01 Intent to Operate Statement: addition of requirement that school districts and ESUs inform NDE prior to operating a new prekindergarten program.

003.04 Approval For the purpose of Early Childhood Education Grants or the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunités Support Act (TEEOSA) is updated

003.05 General Reports. Requirements are updated to reflect current NDE data collection requirements.

- 003.046 Early Childhood Program Report updated requirements
- 003.05 Loss of Approval Section was moved

004 Requirements for Prekindergarten Programs Established by School Boards or Educational Service Units

- 004.01 Stated Purpose. Added
- 004.02 Planning. Clarified language in sub-points
- 004.03 Advisory Committee. Sub-point clarified that advisory committee meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act
- 004.04 Coordination with Existing Programs and Funding Sources. Clarified requirements, simplified language and eliminated outdated funding source in sub-points.
- 004.05 Fees. Added language and clarification about charging fees
- 004.06 Program Coordinator. Mirrored language found in Rule 10
- 004.07 Program and Staff Requirements. Referred requirements to Section 005 and Section 006.
- 004.08 Participation and inclusion. Added clarifying language

005 Additional Program and Staff Requirements for Prekindergarten Programs Serving Children Birth to Kindergarten Eligibility Age in a Center-Based Program

- 005.01 Instructional Hours. Moved from section 004.04
- 005.02 Family Development and Support. Moved from section 004.06 and sub points are clarified.
- 005.03 Developmentally and Culturally Appropriate Curriculum. Moved from section 004.10 sub-points moved as well
- 005.04 Evaluation and Quality Assurance. Moved from section 004.12 Sub points also moved.
- 005.05 Program Staff. Moved from 004.08 Updated teaching endorsements are added in the sub points
 - 005.06.C Home visitor in a center-based program. Added clarification around a home-visitor who is utilized to strengthen center-based programs, requirements for the qualification for the home-visitor are added in sub points.
 - 005.06D Orientation. Adds requirement for staff orientation
 - 005.06E -005.06H Moved from 004.08 C-F
- 005.07 Child/Staff Ratio and Group Size moved from 004.09.
 - 005.07D Added clarification regarding staffing during nap time
- 005.08 Facilities, Equipment, Health and Safety. Clarifies requirements for indoor and outdoor materials, classroom arrangement, and health practices. Sub-point 005.08D clarifies outdoor fencing requirements.
- 005.09 Meals and/or Snacks moved from 004.07
- 005.10 Immunizations. Clarified responsibilities
- 005.11 Supervision. Added wording clarify responsibilities
- 005.12 Toileting. Added wording to clarify responsibilities
- 005.13 Infants and Toddlers. Requirements were added for programs serving infants and toddlers. Requirements are outlined in 005.13A-P
- 005.14 Sixpence Programs. Sixpence Grants discussed

006 Appeals and Provisions for Notice and Hearing -moved to 008

- 006 Additional Program and Staff Requirements for Prekindergarten Programs Serving Children Birth to Kindergarten Eligibility Age in a Home-Based Program** - This is a new section 006.01 through 006.05B6
- 007 Early Childhood Education Grants for Prekindergarten Program for Children Ages Three to Kindergarten Entrance Age.** Defining language added. This is former section 005
- 008 Violations, Probation, or loss of Program Approval and/or Loss of Grant Funds.** Defining language added. Language allowing Probations added (008.02). This is former section 006