





Rating Criteria





Programs are rated on the following. Centers are also rated on director qualifications and ratios/class size.





Quality Ratings:




2	3	4	5
APPROACHING Quality Standards	IMPLEMENTING Quality Standards	MASTERING High Quality Standards	EXCEEDING High Quality Standards

TEACHER-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS	
2	Understands positive teacher-child interactions 
3	Has been rated on quality of teacher-child interactions and has plan for improvements 
4	Scores high on providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotional support • An organized classroom • Consistent schedules and routines 
5	Scores highest on providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactions that build vocabulary, critical thinking skills and curiosity • Lessons that include children's experiences and ideas 

ENVIRONMENT	
2	Aware of ways to provide a safe, clean and enriching environment 
3	Has been assessed on providing a safe, clean and enriching environment and has plan for improvements 
4	Rates high on providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safe, clean, and enriching environment • Good health practices
5	Rates highest on providing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A variety of activities, materials and play areas right for a child's age 

CHILD SKILLS AND OBSERVATION	
2	Observes how children are developing 
3	Uses state-approved tool to support children's learning and development 
4	Evaluates children's learning and development, uses results to help children learn, and holds parent conferences 
5	Enters results into a software program to help each child learn 

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS	
2	12 to 24 Early Childhood Education (ECE) college units 
3	24 ECE units, 16 General Ed units, 21 hours of professional development 
4	Associate's degree in ECE 
5	BA degree in ECE 

HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT	
2	Ensures children receive annual vision and hearing tests 
3	Checks to see if children are developing on track 
4	Uses a form recommended by pediatricians to check children's development 
5	Also checks children's social and emotional development 