

Preschool/Early Childhood Education

The Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) recognizes that high-quality preschool experiences for children ages 3-4 years help them develop knowledge, skills, and attributes necessary to be successful in school and provide for a smooth transition into the elementary education program. Such programs should provide developmentally appropriate activities in a safe, well-supervised, cognitively rich environment.

Collaboration with Community Programs

The County Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with other agencies, organizations, and private preschool providers to assess the availability of preschool programs in the community and the extent to which the community's preschool needs are being met. SCOE supports the development of a community-wide plan to increase children's access to high-quality preschool programs.

Programs shall be aligned with preschool learning foundations published by the California Department of Education which identify the knowledge, skills, and competencies that children typically attain as they complete their first or second year of preschool. Program components shall address social-emotional, physical, and cognitive development in key areas that are necessary for kindergarten readiness. To maximize success in the program, staff shall support children's health through proper nutrition and physical activity and shall provide or make referrals to health and social services.

Administrators, teachers, and paraprofessionals in preschool programs shall possess the appropriate permit(s) issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, meet any additional qualifications established by the Superintendent, and participate in professional development opportunities designed to continually enhance their knowledge and skills. Appropriate services shall be provided to support the needs of English learners and children with disabilities.

SCOE encourages involvement from parents/guardians, as they are essential partners in supporting the development of their children, and program staff shall communicate frequently with the parents/guardians of enrolled children regarding their child's progress.

Information about eligibility and preschool options in the community shall be provided to parents/guardians upon request.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 8200-8498 Child Care and Development Services Act, especially:
- 8200-8209 General provisions for child care and development services
- 8230-8233 Migrant Child Care and Development Program
- 8235-8237 State Preschool Programs
- 8240-8244 General child care programs
- 8250-8252 Programs for children with special needs
- 8263 Eligibility and priorities for subsidized child development services
- 8360-8370 Personnel qualification
- 8400-8409 Contracts
- 8493-8498 Facilities
- 54740-54749 Cal-SAFE program for pregnant/parenting students and their children

Policy 5148.3 (Continued)

Legal Reference: (Continued)

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

- 1596.70-1596.895 California Child Day Care Act
- 1596.90-1597.21 Day care centers
- 120325-120380 Immunization requirements

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

- 18000-18122 General provisions, general child care programs
- 18130-18136 State Preschool Program
- 18180-18192 Federal and State Based Migrant Programs
- 18210-18213 Severely Handicapped Program
- 18270-18281 Program quality, accountability
- 18290-18292 Staffing ratios
- 18295 Waiver of qualifications for site supervisor
- 18300-18308 Appeals and dispute resolution

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

- 6311-6322 Title I, relative to preschool
- 6319 Qualifications for teachers and paraprofessionals
- 6371-6376 Early Reading First
- 6381-6381k Even Start family literacy programs
- 6391-6399 Education of migratory children

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

- 9831-9852 Head Start programs
- 9858-9858q Child Care and Development Block Grant

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

- 101151-101239.2 General requirements, licensed child care centers, including:
- 101151-101163 Licensing and application procedures
- 101212-101231 Continuing requirements
- 101237-101239.2 Facilities and equipment

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45

- 1301-1310 Head Start

Policy Cross-Reference:

- 1020 Youth Services
- 1400 Relationships with Other Governmental Agencies
- 1700 Relationships with Private Industry
- 6011 Academic Standards
- 6143 Courses of Study