



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5101:2-9-19 Personal belongings, hygiene, socialization, and education.

Effective: February 1, 2020

(A) A residential facility shall allow children in care to:

(1) Acquire personal belongings.

(2) Bring personal belongings with them.

(3) Decorate bedrooms consistent with the limitations established by the residential facility and considering:

(a) The developmental stage of the child.

(b) The child's social, racial, cultural, religious, or ethnic background.

(B) Nothing in this rule shall be construed as preventing a residential facility from:

(1) Supervising the use of a child's personal property.

(2) Confiscating any items which:

(a) Pose a clear health or safety risk.

(b) Interfere with the rights or privileges of others.

(c) Are illegal to possess as a matter of state law or local ordinance.

(C) An agency shall make reasonable efforts to have the child present during a search of the child's personal belongings.



(D) A residential facility shall provide each child, in cooperation with the individual or agency holding custody of the child, with clothing and footwear which is clean, well-fitting, and seasonal. Clothing provided to a child shall be considered to be a child's personal property.

(E) Clothing provided by a residential facility shall be appropriate to the child's age and gender identity.

(F) A residential facility shall provide each child with adequate personal toiletry supplies. These supplies shall be appropriate to the child's age, gender identity, race, and cultural background and shall be considered to be the child's personal property.

(G) A residential facility shall provide instruction on good habits of personal care, hygiene, and grooming. This instruction shall be appropriate to each child's age, gender identity, race, cultural background, and need for training.

(H) A residential facility may assign a child daily tasks and work assignments on the grounds of or within the facility. Such assignments shall be of the type normally performed by a child and shall not be beyond the child's developmental ability to perform.

(I) Daily tasks and work assignments made pursuant to paragraph (H) of this rule shall not place the child in physical danger and shall not interfere with the child's studies, normal social development, or child care responsibilities of a teenage mother.

(J) A residential facility shall make arrangements with the person or agency placing a child for each school-age child to attend a school that complies with the minimum standards as prescribed by the state board of education and shall ensure that the child attends school in accordance with the child care agreement.

(K) In accordance with the child's service plan, a residential facility shall encourage a child to participate in community, school, recreational, and cultural heritage activities which are appropriate to the child's age and functioning level and shall, as is necessary and reasonable, arrange appropriate transportation for the child to and from such activities.



(L) A residential facility shall permit a child to practice the chosen religious faith of the child or his or her parent(s) and shall not subject a child to any form of religious coercion.

(M) A child shall not be baptized or submitted to any religious procedures without prior consent of the child according to their age and functioning level and prior approval of the child's parent, guardian or custodian.

(N) A residential facility shall, as appropriate, teach a child tasks and skills required for life in the community.

(O) In accordance with section 5103.162 of the Revised Code, child care staff shall use the reasonable and prudent parent standard when considering whether to authorize a child who resides in the residential facility to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities in accordance with section 2151.315 of the Revised Code.