



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5180-37-01 Definitions.

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- (A) "Adult" means a person who is at least eighteen years of age.
- (B) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a certified registered nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code.
- (C) "Alignment" means the coherence and correlation of the curriculum and assessments to standards.
- (D) "Career Pathways Model" has the same meaning as in section 5104.01 of the Revised Code.
- (E) "Class" means a group of children enrolled in the preschool program.
- (F) "Community School" has the same meaning as in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code.
- (G) "Crib" means a full sized crib or porta crib that meets the federal standards located at 16 CFR 1219.1 to 1220.2 (June 2011, cpsc.gov) and is appropriate to the size of the child.
- (H) "Curriculum" means an organized framework that describes those components of developmentally appropriate practice necessary to support optimum development and learning including the following:
- (1) Classroom environment;
 - (2) Concepts and skills in all content areas and developmental domains;
 - (3) Learning experiences;



(4) Instructional strategies to help children achieve their goals; and

(5) Assessment processes to inform instruction to monitor progress.

(I) "Department" means the Ohio department of education.

(J) "Developmentally appropriate" means curriculum, instruction, environments, and age-appropriate activities that reflect the cognitive, social, and emotional level of the learner and also includes the unique abilities or characteristics of a learner or group of learners including learners with disabilities, unique ethnic and/or cultural characteristics, and unique life experiences.

(K) "Director" has the same meaning as in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code. In addition, "Director" means the lead teacher, elementary principal or site administrator who is the individual on-site and is responsible for supervision of a preschool program, and may be used to meet child-to-staff ratio.

(L) "Early learning program and development standards" means the department's framework for preschool programs to address outcomes and goals considered essential for children's learning and health development as referenced in section 5104.29 of the Revised Code.

(M) "Education Management Information System" (EMIS) is a statewide data collection system for Ohio's primary and secondary education, including demographic information, attendance, course information, financial data, and test results.

(N) "Eligible nonpublic school" has the same meaning as in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code.

(O) "Facility" means a building that is owned or leased and operated by the school district, educational service center, joint vocational school, career technical school, county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or eligible nonpublic school and has been approved by a municipal, township, or county or state building department for the purpose of operating a program for preschool children.

(P) "First aid training" means a course provided by an approved health organization as determined



by the department.

(Q) "Governing body" means a board of education for a school district, an educational service center or county board of developmental disabilities; or the group of persons who have similar authority over a community school or nonpublic school program.

(R) "Group size" means the number of children assigned to a lead teacher in a classroom.

(S) "Hand washing facility" means a permanent-type fixture with running water (i.e. sink service) which conforms to the requirements of the "Ohio plumbing code" as established in division 4101:3 of the Administrative Code.

(T) "Head Start" means a federally funded school readiness program for children ages birth to five from low-income families. Head start provides comprehensive services that support children's growth and development. Head start programs include licensed programs that receive head start funding as a grantee, delegate, partnership, or collaboration.

(U) "Individualized Education Program" (IEP) means an individualized education program as developed in accordance with rule 3301-51-07 of the Administrative Code.

(V) "Infant" means a child who is less than eighteen months of age.

(W) "Lead teacher" means a person hired to guide and instruct a class of preschool children enrolled in the program and who may supervise the preschool program. All references to "head teacher" in Chapter 3301. of the Revised Code have the same meaning as "lead teacher."

(X) "Non-ambulatory child" means any child who is unable to leave a building unassisted under emergency conditions; unable to walk forward or backward unassisted; unable to go up or down steps without help; and/or dependent upon mechanical aids such as crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs.

(Y) "Ohio Professional Registry" (OPR) is an online professional development tool for Ohio's early childhood and afterschool professionals.



(Z) "Parent, guardian, or custodian" has the same meaning as in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code.

(AA) "Policies" mean principles governing the operation of the preschool program. Policies shall be established and adopted by the program's governing body.

(BB) "Preschool child" has the same meaning as in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code.

(CC) "Preschool child with a disability" has the same meaning as in section 3323.01 of the Revised Code.

(DD) "Preschool program" has the same meaning as in section 3301.52 of the Revised Code.

(EE) "Preschool staff member" means a preschool employee whose primary responsibility is care, teaching, or supervision of preschool children and who is used to meet child-to-staff ratio requirements.

(FF) "Procedures" means an administrative course of action specified in writing.

(GG) "Public school" means a school operated by a board of education of a city, county, exempted village, local, joint vocational school district, a county board of developmental disabilities, community school, or an educational service center governing body.

(HH) "Publicly funded" means any funding received from the department of education and/or the department of job and family services to operate a preschool program.

(II) "School-age child" means a child who is kindergarten or age six and of compulsory school age according to the entry date determined by the school district in section 3321.01 of the Revised Code.

(JJ) "Toddler" means a child who is at least eighteen months of age but less than three years of age.



(KK) "Volunteer" means an adult not counted in the child-staff ratio.