



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5104.291

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(A) This section establishes standards and conditions for rating the following early learning and development programs in the step up to quality program:

(1) A licensed child care center operating a head start or early head start program;

(2) A licensed child care center accredited by the national association for the education of young children, or its successor organization;

(3) A licensed type A or type B family child care home under contract to provide head start or early head start services;

(4) A licensed type A or type B family child care home accredited by the national association for the education of young children, or its successor organization.

(B)(1) On a periodic basis, the department of children and youth shall do both of the following:

(a) Review head start program performance standards described in 45 C.F.R. Part 1302 and determine which step up to quality program ratings tier corresponds with minimum head start program performance standards;

(b) Review accreditation standards for the national association for the education of young children, or its successor organization, and determine which step up to quality program ratings tier corresponds with minimum accreditation standards.

(2) Beginning July 1, 2025, the department shall rate each program described in divisions (A)(1) to (4) of this section in the step up to quality program ratings tier that the department has determined corresponds with the minimum standards.



(C) The department shall prescribe the manner in which a program shall demonstrate to the department that the program is meeting the requirements of this section.
