

RATING SCALE



Highest Quality

Demonstrates a level of quality that provides an environment of lower ratios/group size and higher staff qualifications that supports significant positive outcomes for young children in preparation for school. Curriculum is aligned with state standards and child assessment. Relationships between adults and children are nurturing and promote emotional, social, and academic development.



Quality Plus

Demonstrates a level of quality that provides an environment of developmentally appropriate, culturally sensitive learning experiences. Curriculum is aligned with state standards. Relationships between adults and children are nurturing and promote language development and reasoning skills.



Quality

Demonstrates a level of quality that provides an environment that is healthy and safe with access to developmentally appropriate materials. Curriculum is aligned with state standards. Interactions between adults and children are enhanced. Staff qualifications exceed state regulatory requirements.



Progressing Star

Demonstrates a commitment to provide environments that are progressing in the ability to foster the health, safety and development of young children.



Rising Star

Demonstrates a commitment to examine practices and improve the quality of care beyond regulatory requirements.

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Star ratings will not be advertised until July 1, 2012

ERS – Environmental Rating Scales
ECERS – Early Childhood Environment
ITERS – Infant/Toddler Environment
FCCERS – Family Child Care Environment

CLASS – Classroom Assessment Scoring System
ES – Emotional Support Domain
CO – Classroom Organization Domain
IS – Instructional Support Domain

Quality First Points Scale
SQ – Staff Qualifications
AP – Administrative Practices
CA – Curriculum and Assessment