

1.0 Children's Center Facility

- 1.1 There may be developed at each college upon recommendation of the College President and approval of the Chancellor/Superintendent, a children's center that is designed to accommodate the number of eligible children as determined by a survey conducted by college personnel.
- 1.2 In order to be able to provide a full schedule of programs at a feasible cost, the initial installation at each site will accommodate not less than 30 children per hour.
- 1.3 Campus children's centers may be operated in facilities provided for this purpose which are located on or near the College campus and which meet facility requirements of the approving agency.

2.0 Eligibility

- 2.1 Age of eligible participants. (Educ. Code 79122)
 - 2.1.1 Children from six (6) months to school age are eligible.
- 2.2 Admission priority
 - 2.2.1 Children of students of the college of attendance by the parent shall have first priority. (Educ. Code 79123)
 - 2.2.1.1 Priority rankings within this group are determined by family income and single-parent or two-parent status in accordance with regulations established by law.

3.0 Financial Support

- 3.1 Federal and State Subventions
 - 3.1.1 The children's centers shall be managed and reported in such a manner as to maximize Federal and State income.
- 3.2 Participant fees
 - 3.2.1 Fees charged participants shall be in accordance with a fee schedule established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. (Educ. Code 8263(e))
 - 3.2.2 No fee shall be charged to any recipient of public assistance.

4.0 Program Costs

- 4.1 Program costs shall mean all program costs that are related to the operation of children's center programs, including the State and District contribution to retirement benefits, pro-rata share of District's overhead, and any other program-related costs. (Educ. Code 8208(n))
- 4.2 Program costs shall be limited to approved non-operating expense purposes plus that amount per child hour that may be obtained in reimbursement from the Federal and State sources except that each center shall receive minimum operating support funds to maintain the center, based on the workday, workyear, and number of children served as approved by State regulations. (Educ. Code 8265, Educ. Code 8265.5)

5.0 Program

- 5.1 The children's center shall develop and promote a full range of services which shall include the following as a minimum:
 - 5.1.1 Developmental activities designed to prepare the child for entrance into a formal school program;
 - 5.1.2 full- or part-time supervision, developmental activities and instruction for children from six (6) months to school age in an approved program;
 - 5.1.3 instruction in children's developmental activities for parents with prekindergarten children;
 - 5.1.4 social services as necessary to insure parent-child adjustments to out-of-home-care situations, and other support services when the parent is in training;
 - 5.1.5 health screening and health treatment as provided by Medi-Cal;
 - 5.1.6 nutrition services to provide a balanced diet to enrolled children.
- 5.2 The children's center program is operated for the primary purpose of providing services outlined in 5.1 above, although such center may provide laboratory and observation experiences for students enrolled in a college instructional program.
- 5.3 The children's center program shall maintain a ratio of two (2) teachers plus one (1) adult to fifteen (15) children participants per operational hour. Parent participation is encouraged where appropriate.

6.0 Personnel

6.1 Rights and Privileges

6.1.1 Employees of the District in the child development program have the same rights and privileges of other employees of the District.

6.2 Salary Levels

6.2.1 Personnel employed to perform duties in campus children's center programs are employed at salary levels commensurate with positions of comparable responsibility in other children's centers in the Sacramento area.

6.3 Certification Qualifications (Educ. Code 8360)

6.3.1 Certificated employees must hold regular child care and development permits issued by the Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing.

6.3.2 Any person holding a credential authorizing teaching service in elementary schools issued by the State Board of Education or Commission with either twelve (12) units of training or at least two (2) years' experience in early childhood education or a child care and development program, or holding a single subject credential in home economics with either twelve (12) units of training or at least two (2) years' experience in early childhood education or a child care and development program is deemed to hold a regular child care and development permit that will authorize supervision and instruction of children or supervision of a child development program.

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