

**10A NCAC 09 .3209 REDUCED, ENHANCED STAFF/CHILD RATIOS FOR A RATED LICENSE
FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS**

(a) This Rule shall apply to evaluating the staff/child ratios and maximum group sizes for a rated license for child care centers.

(b) Enhanced staff/child ratio means that the center shall comply with the following staff/child ratios and maximum group sizes.

Age	Ratio Staff/Children	Maximum Group Size
0 to 12 Months	1/4	8
1 to 2 Years	1/5	10
2 to 3 Years	1/8	16
3 to 4 Years	1/9	18
4 to 5 Years	1/12	24
5 to 6 Years	1/14	25
6 Years and Older	1/19	25

(c) The provisions of Rule .0713(a) through (e) of this Chapter shall apply in evaluating the staff/child ratios and maximum group sizes within this Rule.

(d) Reduced, enhanced staff/child ratios shall not apply to facilities who choose to use multi-age group staff/child ratios as set forth in Rule .0713(f) of this Chapter.

(e) The staff/child ratio applicable to a classroom shall be posted in that classroom in an area that parents are able to view at all times.

History Note: *Authority G.S. 110-88(7); 143B-168.3; 42 USCS 9858e; 45 CFR 98.45;*
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