

10A NCAC 09 .3215 ENHANCED EDUCATION STANDARDS FOR GROUP LEADERS IN CHILD CARE CENTERS

(a) This Rule shall apply when evaluating the education of a group leader for a child care center, as required by Rule .2510(c) of this Chapter.

(b) A child care provider meets the two-star education standard for group leaders if the provider successfully completes BSAC training.

(c) A child care provider meets the three-star education standard for group leaders if the provider meets, at minimum, the following requirements:

- (1) Successful completion of BSAC training; and
- (2) Annual completion of at least 0.5 continuing education credits related to school-age care, in addition to applicable requirements in Rules .1103 and .2510 of this Chapter; or
- (3) Has at least three months licensed or unlicensed school-age care experience.

(d) A child care provider meets the four-star education standard for group leaders if the provider meets, at minimum, the requirements set forth in Option One, Option Two, or Option Three as follows:

- (1) Option One:
 - (A) Successful completion of BSAC training; and
 - (B) Annual completion of at least 1.0 continuing education credit related to school-age care, in addition to applicable requirements in Rules .1103 and .2510 of this Chapter.
- (2) Option Two: Is currently enrolled in at least two semester hours of school-age care coursework at an accredited college or university if BSAC has not yet been completed as set forth in Rule .2510(j) of this Chapter.
- (3) Option Three:
 - (A) Successful completion of BSAC training; and
 - (B) Have at least three months licensed or unlicensed school-age care experience.

(e) A child care provider meets the five-star education standard for group leaders if the provider meets, at minimum, the requirements set forth in Option One or Option Two as follows:

- (1) Option One:
 - (A) Group leader is at least eighteen years of age; and
 - (B) Successful completion of BSAC training; and
 - (C) Be enrolled in or have successfully completed at least two semester hours of school-age care coursework at an accredited college or university; and
 - (D) Have at least six months licensed or unlicensed school-age care experience.
- (2) Option Two:
 - (A) Group leader is at least eighteen years of age; and
 - (B) Successful completion of BSAC training; and
 - (C) Annual completion of at least 1.5 continuing education credits related to school-age care, in addition to applicable requirements in Rules .1103 and .2510 of this Chapter; and
 - (D) Have at least nine months licensed or unlicensed school-age care experience.

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