

10A NCAC 09 .3216 ENHANCED EDUCATION STANDARDS FOR ADMINISTRATORS OF CHILD CARE CENTERS THAT ONLY PROVIDE CARE FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

(a) This Rule and not Rule .3211 of this Section shall apply when evaluating the education of an administrator, as defined by G.S. 110-86(2a), for a child care center that only provides care to school-age children.

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

- (1) Option One:
 - (A) Completed or be enrolled in coursework for the NC Early Childhood Administration Credential; and
 - (B) Have at least one year licensed or unlicensed school-age care experience.
- (2) Option Two:
 - (A) Level I NC Early Childhood Administration Credential or its approved equivalent or higher; and
 - (B) Have at least three months licensed or unlicensed school-age care experience.

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

- (1) Option One:
 - (A) Level I NC Early Childhood Administration Credential or its approved equivalent or higher; and
 - (B) Have at least six months licensed or unlicensed school-age care experience.
- (2) Option Two:
 - (A) Level I NC Early Childhood Administration Credential or its approved equivalent or higher; and
 - (B) Have at least three months licensed or unlicensed school-age care experience; and
 - (C) Successful completion of BSAC training.

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

- (1) Option One:
 - (A) Level I NC Early Childhood Administration credential or its approved equivalent or higher; and
 - (B) Have at least one year licensed and unlicensed school-age care experience.
- (2) Option Two:
 - (A) Level II NC Early Childhood Administration Credential or its approved equivalent or higher; and
 - (B) Have at least six months licensed or unlicensed school-age care experience.

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

- (1) Option One:
 - (A) Level II NC Early Childhood Administration Credential or its approved equivalent or higher; and
 - (B) Have at least one year experience licensed or unlicensed school-age care experience; and
 - (C) Successful completion of BSAC training.
- (2) Option Two:
 - (A) Level III NC Early Childhood Administration Credential or its approved equivalent; and
 - (B) Have at least six months licensed school-age care experience or have eight months unlicensed school-age care experience.

History Note: Authority G.S. 110-85(3); 110-88(7); 110-90(4); 143B-168.3; S.L. 2023-40; S.L. 2024-34; 42 U.S.C. 9858e, 45 CFR 98.45; Eff. July 1, 2025.