



Professional Development Conference 2018
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FCC Accreditation and DCF Regulations for Early Childhood Programs

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Early Education Program Standards and Benchmarks



- All schools with PK must meet these
- Stand alone centers must meet the full set of EEP standards and benchmarks
- Centers within or attached to schools will be evaluated individually

Preparing for an accreditation visitation



- In many cases the CIPA (Continuous Improvement Process for Accreditation) will happen with the school
- In some cases the EEP will have its own pages on our <http://eas-ed.accreditrac.com> website
- In all cases the focus is the benchmarks and evidence

The Benchmarks



- Only options are met or not met
- Visitation team can mark in process
- Attach evidence
- Use comment box to explain, tell the story



The Benchmarks

- Director (in some cases Principal)
- Health and Safety Checklists (14.1.c.) – print and complete
- For programs in schools, the ARCA benchmarks include all ages (early education through grade 8) – the EEP benchmarks start with 1.6 and jump to 5.1 because all of the other Mission and Catholic Identity benchmarks are covered in the ARCA
 - Mission statement
 - Prayer, Christian service, role models
 - Religious instruction, catechetical training
 - Adult faith formation

The Benchmarks



- For programs in schools, the ARCA benchmarks include all ages (early education through grade 8) – the EEP benchmarks skip many of the Operational Vitality benchmarks because they are covered in the ARCA
 - Finances
 - Human Resources
 - Facilities, Equipment, and Technology Management
 - Communication, Marketing, and Enrollment Management

The Benchmarks



- After reviewing the ARCA and the EEP benchmarks, if the school and early education program are not functioning and working together on all of these, then the EEP should have its own pages on the <http://eas-ed.accreditrac.com> website – visits can happen at the same time

Preparing for an accreditation visitation



- Use EEP documents on the resources pages of <http://eas-ed.accreditrac.com>
- Stand alone centers and some EEP school programs will complete their own self-study (CIPA)
- An orientation is set up with the FCC Accreditation Program office
- Committees are formed, evidence collected, and online work completed
- Action plans are written
- The visitation is scheduled

EEP accreditation visitation



- Usually a day and a half
- Two to three visitors, depending on the size of the program
- Review evidence, observe in all rooms, meet with parents, meet with director, meet with pastor
- Exit report
- Reviewed by FCCAP committee in January and June
- Stipends and travel reimbursement
- Private space for the team to work, hard copy evidence in the room

DCF Requirements – Miami Dade



- All before/after school programs with a child under age 5 must be DCF licensed or DCF religious exempt from licensure
- Any school day program with children under age 3 must be DCF licensed or DCF religious exempt from licensure
- Religious exempt:
 - DCF application for religious exempt
 - FCC Accreditation Certificate
 - Letter from pastor
 - Background screening in the DCF Clearinghouse

Licensure Requirements – Broward



- All before/after school programs with a child under age 5 is child care
- Any school day program with children under age 3 is child care
- Religious exempt:
 - DCF application for religious exempt
 - FCC Accreditation Certificate
 - Letter from pastor
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DCF / Licensure Requirements



- Level I Violations – ELC can revoke license
- Calling parents when a child has not been dropped off within an hour of regular drop off time

VPK - FLKRS



- All schools and programs with VPK must administer the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener by October 12 to all children who attended VPK last year
- Ensure school is in the FDOE Directory of Private Schools
- Ensure school is on the list of private schools participating in FLKRS – should be receiving email
- Contact Renaissance to roster eligible students
- Use the information:
<http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/flkrs/>

Questions?



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