

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE PROGRAMS

The district may offer preschool and/or childcare programs where facilities are available.

The preschool program shall be designed for the purpose of fostering the development of young children's intellectual, social, emotional and psychomotor skills. The childcare program shall operate in a manner that is consistent with state licensing requirements. Appropriately planned and supervised activities shall be conducted to meet the developmental needs of the various age groups served.

The district may contract with private or other public agencies to provide childcare services, either in district facilities or elsewhere.

The district may only utilize funds outside the state basic education appropriation, and the state school transportation appropriation for the operation of the childcare programs and for the construction or remodeling of facilities to house such programs.

The school district is authorized to charge fees for childcare services. Such fees may be reduced or waived based upon the financial ability of the parents to pay the charges or upon their provision of other valuable consideration to the district. The district is authorized to furnish transportation to children in childcare programs established by the district, provided that appropriate child seating is used.

The superintendent shall develop procedures to implement a preschool and/or childcare program when such programs are authorized by the board.

Legal References: RCW 28A.215 Nursery Schools and Preschools

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