School Age Programming
Requirements and Recommendations During COVID-19

Supervision
All licensed child care programs are required to maintain sight or sound supervision at all times.

Daily Programming
All licensed child care programs are required to provide programming that provides activities for children according to their ages, interests, abilities, and allows for free choice. Additionally, certified centers and certified family programs are required to provide creative expression through the arts.

Educational Programming
Licensed certified centers and certified family programs are required to include homework time. This does not include providing educational instruction and/or tutoring. Programs may choose to incorporate distance learning support or teaching into their schedules. Programs are not required to provide internet access or a technology device.

Balance
All licensed child care programs are required to provide a balance between active and quiet activities. Certified centers and certified family programs are required to provide this through both individual and group activities.

Indoor & Outdoor Activities
All licensed child care programs are required to have indoor and outdoor activity every day, as the weather permits.

Rest Time
All licensed child care programs are required to facilitate a rest or relaxation period.

Meals
All licensed child care programs are required to facilitate meals and snacks with no more than 3.5 hours between them.

Screen Time
Licensed in-home child care programs, both registered and certified, are required to limit television, videos, and computer/electronic games to no more than two hours per day. This does NOT include online learning time.

Providing Additional Opportunities
Licensed child care centers are required to provide opportunities to experience or learn about the tasks of adulthood. School age children may assist with activities that help them build problem-solving skills, encourages them to make responsible choices, and teaches cooperation. Children should not be asked or permitted to do any tasks that are the responsibility of a provider, teacher or staff member.

The Office of Child Care (OCC) recommends discussing with both current and prospective families the planned schedule of activities and specifying whether educational instruction will be incorporated.