

**State of Connecticut**  
**Office of Early Childhood**  
**Policies and Procedures Regarding**  
**School-Age Ratio and Group Size Requirements**  
**for**  
**Child Care Centers and Group Child Care Homes**

(Effective August 30, 2024, until the time final regulations are adopted)

Pursuant to Section 33 of Public Act 24-78, OEC hereby establishes policies and procedures necessary to implement school-age ratio and group size requirements while in the process of adopting such requirements in regulation form. In order to effectuate these policies and procedures, the following regulations are replaced and superseded as described below. These policies and procedures are effective as of the date set forth above and shall be valid until the time final regulations are adopted.

**Sec. 19a-79-4a(c)(5)(A): Staffing and Consultants**

(A) The group size shall not exceed twenty children. Group size for field trips exclusively for school age children, outdoor play exclusively for school age children, and activities organized by program staff exclusively for school age children shall not exceed thirty children. Staff child ratios shall be maintained during these activities.

**Sec. 19a-79-11. School age children endorsement**

(d) There shall be at least one [(1)] qualified program staff person for every fifteen (15) [each ten (10)] children or fraction thereof.

(e) The group size shall not exceed thirty (30) [twenty (20)] children.

(f) Children born in September, October, November, and December who are not enrolled in kindergarten but who will turn five (5) by January 1 shall be deemed eligible to enroll as a school age child provided such program receives written authorization from such child's parent and the director to enroll such child in the school age program. The written authorization shall be kept on file at the program and available to the Office upon request.