

Wayne

Christian School

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Lynn Mooring

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(Preschool-6th grade)

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Dear Prospective Parent,

Thank you for the interest you have shown in Wayne Christian School.

As a Christ-centered community school, we recognize that the primary responsibility for nurturing and training children falls upon the parents. Wayne Christian School is dedicated to providing a quality educational program that will support parents as they seek to “train up a child in the way he should go ...”, Proverbs 22:6.

Wayne Christian School is committed to developing in its students a proficiency in each subject while establishing a Biblical worldview that teaches students how to pursue and maintain a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

We believe that each child is a unique creation of God and that each one has been endowed by Him with value, gifts, and talents. We also believe that students have their own unique styles of learning. Wayne Christian School seeks to provide a wide variety of learning experiences that are consistent with those individual learning styles and capabilities.

Wayne Christian School exists to complement the teaching in the home and church. Together we will strive to develop moral character, encourage spiritual growth, and provide opportunities for academic excellence. We encourage family involvement in the process through conferences, programs, social events, and other family ministries.

Thank you, again, for your interest in Wayne Christian School. Please prayerfully consider making it your family's school. Start by completing the student application packet and returning it the school office.

Developing Champions for Christ,

Lynn Mooring, Administrator
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NEW STUDENT APPLICATION PROCESS 4 YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

- Step One:** All sections of the student application must be completed, signed in all appropriate places (both parents or guardians required in some sections), and returned with one attached check for the processing fee of \$100.00 and the registration fee of \$200.00 for a total of \$300.00. These fees are non-refundable even if the student is placed on the waiting list or is not accepted.
- Step Two:** The secretary will set up an interview for the student(s) and the parents with the elementary principal.
- Step Three:** A Medical Form must be completed and returned within two weeks of the application. The medical form includes a physical form and an immunization record which is a North Carolina requirement.
- Step Four:** A copy of student's birth certificate must be included.
- Step Five:** A Pastor Reference Form will need to be completed and returned within one week to WCS.
- Step Six:** Read the N.C. Childcare Law and Rules information sheet. Sign the acknowledgment form indicating understanding of the N.C. Childcare Law and Rules information sheet.
- Step Seven:** Read and sign the Discipline and Behavior Management Policy.
- Step Eight:** Sign the Field Trip Form granting permission for the children to leave their building for activities.
- Step Nine:** Once your child has been accepted a tuition installment plan (TIP) form must be completed and returned to the secretary.

(An application cannot be processed if all information is not complete.)

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STUDENT APPLICATION

General Information

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Birth: M ___ D ___ Y _____

Student Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Sex: ___ Male ___ Female Grade Applying to: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

Medical Information: (allergies, allergic to medications etc.) _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Amt of Check: \$ _____ Ck# _____

Date of Application: _____

Date of Enrollment: _____

Test Date: _____

Date of Interview: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

Principal's Approval: _____

Parent/Guardian and Family Information

Marital Status: Married Widower Separated Divorced Remarried

Custodial Status: NA Sole Joint w/ _____

Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Employer's Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Business Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Lives w/Student (Y/N) ___ Receives Mail (Y/N) ___ Receives Bill (Y/N) ___

Marital Status: Married Widower Separated Divorced Remarried

Custodial Status: NA Sole Joint w/ _____

Mother's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Employer's Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Business Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Lives w/Student (Y/N) ___ Receives Mail (Y/N) ___ Receives Bill (Y/N) ___

Paternal Grandparents

Grandparent(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

Maternal Grandparents

Grandparent(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name of Contact: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ - _____

Contact's Relation to Student:

Relative-Relationship: _____

Friend Guardian Other _____

Student's Doctor: _____ Doctor's Phone: _____

Student's Dentist: _____ Dentist's Phone: _____

Complete the following information for all children in your family:

- 1. _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____
- 2. _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____
- 3. _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Church Attending: _____ Pastor's Name: _____

Church Member: () Yes () No Attendance: () Regular () Seldom () Never

Family Information

To be completed by a parent or guardian:

- 1. Who recommended WCS to you? _____
- 2. What are your goals for your children?

- 3. Share your reasons for applying to Wayne Christian School.

- 4. Does your child have any health problems?

- 5. Other schools your child has attended:

- 6. Has your child ever repeated a grade? _____ If yes, describe which grade and why.

- 7. If your child ever had modifications made in the classroom? _____
- 8. Has your child ever been administered psychological, behavioral, or academic testing to determine if he/she is gifted, has a learning disability, ADD, ADHD, behavioral, neurological, sensory, or emotional disorder? _____
If yes, please provide dates and documentation.

With my signature below, I certify that I have answered the above questions honestly and completely.

Signature of parent: _____

Date: _____

WCS STATEMENT OF COOPERATION

PARENTAL COMMITMENT:

We understand our child(ren) is accepted on a general probationary status for the first quarter. We agree that we will in no case complain to other parents, but will register only necessary complaints with the teacher or administration following the Matthew 18 principle. We understand our responsibility to read the student handbook and agree to abide by its established policies. We are to support the school with our prayers and positive attitude. We understand that if at any time the school determines, in its sole discretion, that our actions do not support the ministry, or reflect a lack of cooperation and commitment to the home and school working together, the school has the right to request the withdrawal of our child(ren). We understand the school reserves the right to dismiss our student for lack of cooperation on the part of the student, parent and/or guardian.

Therefore, the parties to this agreement are Christians and believe that the Bible commands them to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian community in conformity with the Biblical injunctions of 1 Corinthians 6: 1-8, Matthew 5:23 & 24, and Matthew 18: 15-20. Therefore, the parties agree that any claim or dispute arising out of, or related to, this agreement or to any aspect of the enrollment relationship, including statutory claims, shall be settled by Biblically based mediation.

If resolution of the dispute and reconciliation do not result from such efforts, the matter shall then be submitted to a panel of three arbitrators for binding arbitration. Each part to the agreement shall have the right to select one arbitrator. The two arbitrators selected by the parties shall jointly select the neutral arbitrator. If there is an impasse in the selection of the third arbitrator, the Association of Christian Conciliation Services shall be asked to provide the name of a qualified person that will serve in that capacity. The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation of the Association of Christian Conciliation Services. (406-256-1583)

FINANCES:

I will make timely payments of my financial obligations. Further, I understand and agree to the following:

- Students with outstanding account balances will not be allowed to attend class until the account has been brought up to date. The account will be referred to the WCS School Board.
- If I withdraw my child from school for any reason, the school will exercise its prerogative by not releasing any records or report card if the account is not current.
- High school students will not be allowed to take mid-semester exams if their accounts are not paid through December or final exams if their accounts are not paid through May.
- Returned checks will incur a \$30.00 charge.
- Late payments will be assessed a fee of \$30.00 per month until account is paid in full.
- If I withdraw my child from school after classes have begun, I am responsible to pay tuition through the end of that month.
- Parents enrolling students in any given school month will be responsible for that month's tuition payment.

PICTURES:

I authorize Wayne Christian School, or anyone authorized by Wayne Christian School, to use and reproduce all audio tapes and video tapes and photographs which Wayne Christian School takes of our child(ren) or any family member. Such reproductions will be used for school literature, advertisements, and promotional purposes without further compensation. All copies, masters, negatives, pictures and proofs shall constitute Wayne Christian School property, solely and completely.

- Yes, I give authorization to WCS. No, I do not give authorization to WCS.

ACTIVITIES:

I give permission for our child(ren) to take part in any and all school activities, class field trips, including sports and school-sponsored trips away from the school premises, and absolve the school from liability to us or our child because of any injury to us or our child at school or during any school activity. In case of emergency or serious illness, we request the school contact us first. If we are not available, please contact the designated emergency contact. If the emergency contact cannot be reached, the school has my permission to make whatever arrangements deemed necessary for our child(ren)'s treatment. If the emergency is life-threatening and we cannot be reached, the physician has permission to act accordingly absolving the school of any liability. This statement of cooperation will serve as a blanket permission slip from August 1, 2009 to July 30, 2010.

- Yes, I give permission to WCS. No, I do not give permission to WCS.

I have read all the Statement of Cooperation and marked my intentions for the school year 2009-2010.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

WCS STATEMENT OF FAITH

- *The BIBLE is the ONLY verbally inspired Word of God*, inerrant in the original writings and the final authority in faith and life.
- GOD is one God, eternally existing in three personalities: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- JESUS CHRIST is the unique Son of the Father, virgin born, sinless, died an atoning death, physically resurrected, ascended, exalted, presently the believer's High Priest, coming to receive His own, the church, and coming again literally and personally to establish the millennial kingdom.
- The HOLY SPIRIT indwells every believer, and instructs, corrects, and guides them in all truth and the Christian life. It is His *office* work not to direct attention to Himself, but to the Lord Jesus Christ. He fills, controls, and empowers those yielded to Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives, the evidence being the fruit of the Spirit.
- MAN is sinful through and through and everlastingly separated from God apart from personal faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ for salvation.
- The CHURCH is the Body of Christ that manifests itself locally through believers united for mutual edification and propagation of the gospel while awaiting God's Son from heaven. There are two ordinances: baptism and the Lord's Table. The Lord's Table is celebrated as a memorial until He comes, and baptism by immersion is a public confession of the believer's identification with Jesus Christ.
- SALVATION provided through the gospel of Jesus Christ as a gift is by grace through faith. All who receive Jesus Christ as Savior are born again into the family of God, sealed by the Holy Spirit and thereby possess eternal life.
- The RESURRECTION of the body will be physical: the saved unto eternal fellowship with God and the unsaved unto everlasting punishment and separation from God in the lake of fire.

I have read the Statement of Faith and I am willing for my child to receive training in these historic doctrines, and will support the school in its endeavors to encourage and to guide my child in applying these doctrines to life.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Wayne Christian School admits students of any race, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships, and athletic and other school administered programs.

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Confidential Pastor Reference Form

To the Pastor:

The student named below is a candidate for Wayne Christian School. Please complete this form and return within one week to the address above (Admission Office), or Fax to (919)735-5229.

Name of applicant _____ Candidate for grade _____

How would you evaluate the parents in the following areas:

	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
1. Their church relationship, attendance and loyalty				
2. Their personal relationship to Jesus Christ				
3. Their interest in having their child know and walk with the Lord				
4. Their command for respect and obedience from their children				
5. Their support of their children's spiritual development				
6. Their level of involvement in your church				

7. How well do you know the family? _____

8. Are you currently their pastor or associate pastor? _____

9. To your knowledge, has this applicant accepted Jesus Christ as Savior? _____

10. What are the first words that come to mind to describe this applicant? _____

11. I recommend this student: without reservation with reservation could not recommend

12. Please use this space to give any additional information from above questions or other information which is pertinent.

Church (full name and affiliation):	
Church Telephone:	Home Telephone:
Signature:	Date:
If there is further information you feel we should know but would prefer not to give in writing, please indicate the number and time to call you. Church Home Time of day:	

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Student Medical Form

Name of Student: _____ Birth Date: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

A. Medical History: (To be completed by the parent)

- a. Is your child allergic to anything? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, what?

- b. Is your child under a doctor's care? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, why?

- c. Any previous hospitalizations or operations? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, what?

- d. Is your child on any continuous medication? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, what?

- e. Any history of diseases or recurrent illness? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, what are they (diabetes, convulsions, heart trouble, etc.)?

- f. Does your child have any physical disabilities? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, please describe:

- g. Does your child have any mental disabilities? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, please describe:

B. Physical Examination: (To be completed by a licensed physician, a certified nurse practitioner, or a public health nurse)

Height ____% Weight ____% Head ____ Eyes ____ Ears ____ Nose ____ Teeth ____

Throat ____ Neck ____ Heart ____ Chest ____ Abd/GU ____ Ext ____ Skin ____

Neurological System _____ Should activities be limited? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, please explain:

Results of Tuberculin Test, if given: Type ____ Date ____ Normal ____ Abnormal ____

Any other recommendations?

Examiner's signature/title

Date

C. Immunization History: A copy of the student's immunization record must be attached.

WCS has permission to seek medical care if necessary.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Discipline and Behavior Management Policy

Praise and positive reinforcement are effective methods of the behavior management of children. When children receive positive, non-violent, and understanding interactions from adults and others, they develop good self concepts, problem solving abilities, and self discipline. Based on this belief of how children learn and develop values, our employees use the following guidelines for discipline.

We:

1. Do praise, reward, and encourage the children.
2. Do reason and set limits for the children.
3. Do model appropriate behavior for the children.
4. Do modify the classroom environment to attempt to prevent problems before they occur.
5. Do listen to the children.
6. Do provide the children with positive alternative choices of behavior.
7. Do provide the children with natural and logical consequences of their behavior.
8. Do respect the children's needs, desires, and feelings.
9. Do ignore minor behavior.
10. Do explain to children on their level.
11. Do use short supervised periods of "time-out". (Time out is described below.)
12. Do stay consistent in our behavior management program.
13. Do not use any form of corporal punishment.

Time Out

"Time Out" is the removal of a child for a short period of time (3-5 minutes) from a situation in which the child is misbehaving and has not responded to other discipline techniques. The "time out" space, usually a chair, is located away from the classroom activity but within the teacher's sight. During "time out", the child has time to think about the misbehavior which led to his/her removal from the group. After a brief interval of no more than 5 minutes, the teacher discusses the incident and appropriate behavior with the child. When the child returns to the group, the incident is over and the child is treated with the same affection and respect show to the other children.

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____ (child's full name), do hereby state that I have read and received a copy of the facility's Discipline and Behavior Management Policy and that the facility's director/coordinator (or other designated staff member) has discussed the facility's Discipline and Behavior Management Policy with me.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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Letter of Acknowledgment and Understanding of the N.C. Child Care Law and Rules

I, _____ have received a copy of the North Carolina Child Care Law and Rules from Wayne Christian School. I understand the information enclosed in the above brochure to the best of my knowledge. If I should have questions regarding any of the information, I am aware that I can call the Division of Child Development. I understand that I have the right to receive a copy of this agreement for my records.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Date Signed: _____

Signature of Facility Representative: _____

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Field Trip Form

My child, _____, has my permission to attend

Wayne Christian School activities on the school grounds.

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

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2009 – 2010 RATES

Tuition & Extended Care

Half Day Fees not included. See chart below.	Full Day Fees not included. See chart below.	Full Day with Extended Care (Afternoon ONLY or Morning & Afternoon) Year based on school year not calendar year.	Full Day with Extended Care (Morning ONLY) Year based on school year not calendar year
\$3,060	\$4,360	\$5,760	\$4,920

*Lunch included for full day students

Discounts – Tuition Only

Second Student	15%
Third Student	15%

Fees (All fees are nonrefundable)

Registration (Paid at time of registration)	\$200
Late Registration (For returning students not registered by March 2, 2009)	\$100
New Student Processing	\$100
Books (Due by July 15, 2009) NOTE: Invoice will NOT be sent.	\$300

Policies

Financial Policy: Returned Checks- Fee for returned checks is \$30.00. After receiving two returned checks, accounts will be notified by letter that they have been placed on a cash payment basis for the remainder of the current school year and thereafter, the school will accept only cashiers checks, money orders, or cash as payment for the school bills.

If a student is withdrawn from school after classes have begun, the parents are responsible to pay tuition through the end of that month.

Extended Care: If a student has not been picked up by 12:00 and 2:30, the student will be sent to extended care and charged accordingly. All children must be picked up no later than 6:00 pm or \$1.00 per minute over will be charged to your account.

Payments: Payments are due by the 5th of each month. Any account not paid in full by the 5th will be assessed a \$30 late fee.

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Tuition Installment Plan (TIP)

To complete the registration process for the 2009-2010 school year, please select a Tuition Installment Plan and Extended Care Option (if applicable). **Return this form with your registration payment & enrollment form.**

Pre-School Enrollment Option : (4 yr. old kindergarten)

Full Day Student

1/2 Day Student

Tuition Installment Options:

1 Installment Pay in Full (On or Before August 1, 2009)

2 Installments Pay by Semester
(On or Before August 1, 2009 & January 1, 2010)

10 Installments August 2009 through May 2010

**Accounts for graduating students must be paid in full by May 1, 2010.*

Annual Extended Care Options:

Mornings Only.....\$560.00

Afternoon Only.....\$1,400.00

Mornings & Afternoons.....\$1,400.00

Once your Tuition Installment Plan has been processed by the finance office, any change will incur a \$25.00 reprocessing fee.

Tuition installments will be due on the 5th of each month, and a late fee of \$30.00 will be assessed on the 6th of each month.

Student Name	2009-2010 grade

Parent or Guardian
Signature: _____

Date _____

The following requirements apply to both centers and homes.

Transportation

Child care centers or family child care homes providing transportation for children must meet all motor vehicle laws, including inspection, insurance, license, and restraint requirements. Children may never be left alone in a vehicle and child-staff ratio must be maintained.

Records

Centers and homes must keep accurate records such as children's attendance, immunizations, and emergency phone numbers. A record of monthly fire drills practiced with safe evacuation of children must also be maintained.

Discipline

Corporal punishment (spanking, slapping, or other physical discipline) is prohibited in all family child care homes and centers. Each program must have a written policy on discipline, must discuss it with parents, and must give parents a copy when the child is enrolled. Changes in discipline policy must be shared with parents in writing before going into effect. Religious-sponsored programs which notify the Division of Child Development that corporal punishment is part of their religious training are exempt from that part of the law.

Parental Rights

- Parents have the right to enter a family child care home or center at any time while their child is present.
- Parents have the right to see the license displayed in a prominent place.
- Parents have the right to know how their child will be disciplined.

The law and rules are developed to establish minimum requirements. Most parents would like more than minimum care. Child care resource and referral agencies can provide help in choosing quality care. Check the telephone directory or talk with a child care provider to see if there is a child care resource and referral agency in your community. For more information about quality child care, parents can call 1-800 CHOOSE-1 or visit the Resources in Child Care website at: www.ncchildcare.net. For more information on the law and rules, contact the Division of Child Development at 919-662-4499 or 1-800-859-0829, or visit our homepage at: <http://www.ncchildcare.net>.

Reviewing Files

A public file is maintained in the Division's main office in Raleigh for every center or family child care home. These files can be

- viewed during work hours;
- requested via the Division's web site at www.ncchildcare.net; or,
- requested by contacting the Division at 1-800-859-0829.

How to Report a Problem

North Carolina law requires staff from the Division of Child Development to investigate a licensed family child care home or child care center when there has been a complaint. Child care providers who violate the law or rules may be fined up to \$1,000 and may have their licenses suspended or revoked. If you believe that a child care provider fails to meet the requirements described in this pamphlet, or if you have questions, please call the Division of Child Development at 919-662-4499 or 1-800-859-0829.

Child Abuse or Neglect

Abuse occurs when a parent or caregiver injures or allows another to injure a child physically or emotionally. Abuse may also occur when a parent or caregiver puts a child at risk of serious injury or allows another to put a child at risk of serious injury. Neglect occurs when a child does not receive proper care, supervision, or discipline, or when a child is abandoned. **North Carolina law requires any person who suspects child abuse or neglect to report the case to the county department of social services.** In addition, any person can call the Division of Child Development at 919-662-4499 or 1-800-859-0829 and make a report of suspected child abuse or neglect in a child care operation. Reports can be made anonymously. A person cannot be held liable for a report made in good faith.

Summary: North Carolina Child Care Law and Rules

Division of Child Development
North Carolina Department of
Health and Human Services
319 Chapanoke Road
Raleigh, NC 27603

April 2003



The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or provision of services.

What Is Child Care?

The law defines child care as:

- three or more unrelated children under 13 years of age
- receiving care from a non-relative
- on a regular basis, of at least once a week
- for more than four hours per day but less than 24 hours.

It is only when all of these conditions exist that regulation is required. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for regulating child care. This is done through the Division of Child Development. The purpose of regulation is to protect the well-being of children while they are away from their parents. The law defining child care is in the North Carolina General Statutes, Article 7, Chapter 110.

The North Carolina Child Care Commission is responsible for adopting rules to carry out the law. Some counties and cities in North Carolina also have local zoning requirements for child care programs.

Star Rated Licenses

Centers and homes that are meeting the minimum licensing requirements will receive a one star license. Programs that choose to voluntarily meet higher standards can apply for a two through five star license. The number of stars a program earns is based upon the education levels their staff meet, the history of their compliance with licensing requirements, and the program standards met by the program.

Family Child Care Homes

A family child care home is licensed to care for five or fewer preschool age children, and an additional three school age children. This includes preschoolers living in the home but the provider's own school-age children are not counted (Individuals caring for one or two children are exempt from being licensed.) Licenses are issued to family child care home providers who meet the following requirements:

- Home providers who received a license on or after January 1, 1998 must be 21 years old with at least a high school education or its equivalent, and mentally and emotionally capable of caring for children.

- He or she must undergo a criminal records background check.
- As of March 1998, all household members over age 15 who are present in **new** family child care homes when children are in care must also undergo a criminal records background check.
- All family child care home providers must have training in child development and CPR each year. They must also have first aid training every three years.

All family child care homes must meet basic health and safety standards. Providers must maintain verification of children's immunization and health status. They must provide age-appropriate toys and activities, as well as nutritious meals and snacks for the children in care.

Child Care Centers

Licensing as a center is required when six or more children are cared for in a residence or when three or more children are in care in a building other than a residence. Religious-sponsored programs are exempt from some of the regulations described below if they choose not to be licensed. Programs that operate for less than four consecutive months, such as summer camps, are exempt from licensing. Child care centers may voluntarily meet higher standards and receive a license with a higher rating. Centers will be visited at least annually to make sure they are following the law and to receive technical assistance from child care consultants.

Licensed centers must meet requirements in the following areas.

Staff

The administrator of a child care center must be at least 21, and have at least a North Carolina Early Childhood Administration Credential or its equivalent. Lead teachers in a child care center must be at least 18 and have at least a North Carolina Early Childhood Credential or its equivalent. If administrators and lead teachers do not meet this requirement, they must begin credential coursework within six months of being hired. Staff younger than 18 years of age must work under the direct supervision of staff 21 years of age or older. All staff must have training in child development each year and must undergo a criminal records background check.

Ratios

Ratios are the number of staff required to supervise a certain number of children. Group size is the maximum number of children in one group. Ratios and group sizes for licensure are shown below.

Age	Teacher : Child Ratio	Maximum Group Size
0-12 months	1:5	10
12-24 months	1:6	12
2 years old	1:10	20
3 years old	1:15	25
4 years old	1:20	25
School age	1:25	25

Small centers in a residence that are licensed for six to twelve children may keep up to three additional school-age children, depending on the ages of the other children in care. When the group has children of different ages, staff-child ratios and group size must be met for the youngest child in the group.

Space and Equipment

To meet licensing requirements, there must be at least 25 square feet per child indoors and 75 square feet per child outdoors. Outdoor play space must be fenced. Indoor equipment must be clean, safe, well-maintained, and age-appropriate. Outdoor equipment and furnishings must be child size, sturdy, and free of hazards that could injure children.

Curriculum

The Division of Child Development does not promote or require any specific curriculum over another. Child care programs choose the type of curriculum appropriate for the ages of the children enrolled. Activity plans must be available to parents and must show a balance of active and quiet activities. Rooms must be arranged to encourage children to explore and use materials on their own.

Health and Safety

Children must be immunized on schedule. Each licensed center must ensure the health and safety of children by sanitizing areas and equipment used by children. Meals and snacks must be nutritious, and children must have portions large enough to satisfy their hunger. Food must be offered at least once every four hours. Local health, building, and fire inspectors visit licensed programs to make sure standards are met. All children must be allowed to play outdoors each day (weather permitting) and must have space and time provided for rest.