
Subject: Outdoor Policy and Procedures

Source: Head Start Performance Standard 1304.21 (a)(1)(iv) and Texas Minimum Standards

Policy

To insure that education staff is actively engaged with children and to insure the safety of our children at all times thru out the school day.

Procedures

1. Outdoor time will be scheduled for every child twice daily (once in the morning and once in the afternoon) weather permitting but not offered less than one time each day.
2. Outdoor activities include:
 - One planned/teacher lead activity per day (morning).
 - Child led activities (i.e. dramatic play, art, music/movement, manipulative, literacy, science/discovery, blocks, sand and water, gross/fine motor)
3. Teachers will actively supervise all children at all times.
4. There will be no more than one class of 8 children and 2 teachers in any one group at anytime.
5. All staff on the playground should be actively engaged with children at all times.
6. The Center Coordinator or designee will be responsible for deciding when the weather does not permit a class to participate in outdoor activities.
7. Water will be provided for children after outdoor activities.