

Title 5 - DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
Division 20 – Division of Learning Services
Chapter 600 – Office of Early and Extended Learning

PROPOSED RULE

5 CSR 20-600.140 Prekindergarten Program Standards

PURPOSE: This rule requires that any school district reporting children ages three (3) to five (5) for calculation in their average daily attendance must meet standards approved by the State Board of Education.

- (1) Any school district reporting children ages three (3) to five (5) for calculation in their average daily attendance must meet standards approved by the State Board of Education (board) including:
 - (A) A lead teacher in each prekindergarten classroom who holds a bachelor's degree and teaching certificate in early childhood education or early childhood special education; and
 - (B) A teacher assistant or paraprofessional who holds a child development associate's degree; associate's degree in early childhood; or sixty (60) college hours with a minimum of three (3) college credit hours in early childhood, child development, or child/family related courses and experience working in a program with young children and their families for any classroom with more than ten (10) children.

AUTHORITY: sections 161.092, 163.011, 163.018, RSMo Supp. 2014 and 168.011, RSMo 2000

PUBLIC COST: This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed rule will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars in the aggregate.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in the support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Attention: Assistant Commissioner, Office of Quality Schools, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480 or by email at: eel@dese.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*