



APPLE Accreditation Child Care License-Exempt Policy



Facilities that are exempt from licensure may apply for APPLE accreditation if they meet each of the following criteria:

1. Evidence of current membership in a nationally recognized religious organization. This membership must be maintained by the provider during the period of the provider's APPLE accreditation.
2. Inspection reports by the national organization for the preceding two years.
3. Inspection reports by the county health department for the preceding two years
4. Evidence of level two background screening on all staff that work in the early learning program.
5. Evidence of abiding by the state's discipline policy.
6. Providing a developmentally appropriate curriculum for each age group served. (Submit written description of curriculum)
7. Providing developmentally appropriate toys and equipment for the children and providing access to these materials. (Submit Appendix 4- Inventories)

Documentation demonstrating compliance with the criteria must be submitted to the APPLE office. If the program is missing any items the program will not be able to proceed with the application.

Note: When operated by the public school system, the school must be recognized by a national school accrediting body.