



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
**Department of State | Office of the Secretary of State**  
 Nellie M. Gorbea, *Secretary of State*

**Rules and Regulations Filing Form**

**1. Agency Name and Address**

Education, Board of  
 255 Westminster Street

**2. Title of Rule**

Regulations of the Comprehensive Early Childhood Education Program - Standards for Approval of Preschool and Kindergarten Programs

**3. Statutory Source of Authority**

R.I.G.L. § 16-48-3

**4. Concise Explanatory Statement - §42-35-2.6**

I. Section III (Standards One – Ten): Regulations were revised to reflect a common organizational structure and terms across the continuum of program quality regulations/standards which apply to various types of early learning programs: specifically the DCYF Child Care Licensing Regulations and the BrightStars Tiered Quality Rating System standards. II. Section III: Regulations reorganized and condensed to better support the field in understanding and demonstrating compliance: a. (Standard Five): The qualifications, experience and ongoing professional development requirements for each position (education coordinator, teacher and teacher assistant) have been merged into a single standard for each position. b. (Standard Six): The Administration Standards have been grouped around the following key concepts: general administration standards; continuous quality improvement standards; and staff evaluation and professional development standards. c. (Standard Seven): The content in the Curriculum Standards has been organized to align with the core components of a quality curriculum: context; content; teaching and facilitation; and process as outlined in the RI Early Learning and Development Standards professional development. d. (Standard Nine): The Differentiated Teaching and Learning Standards have been integrated into the Curriculum and Child Assessment sections (Standards Seven and Eight). III. Section III (Standards One and Two): Removed duplicative regulations that were already addressed in core approval, through either DCYF licensure or the BEP; IV. Section III (Standards One and Two): Added or revised regulations to align with best practice recommendations provided to DCYF licensure related to Health and Safety, and Facilities from National Association for Regulatory Administration; V. Section III (Standards One and Two): Grouped regulations applicable only to public schools separately; VII. Significant changes in the regulations include: a. Section III (Standard 1.8): Removed requirement that bathrooms be within 40 feet of classroom; b. Section III (Standard 1.14): Removed requirement that classrooms be on first floor; c. Section I : Aligned minimum hours of instruction required to state law for Kindergarten (Increase to 13.75 from 12); d. Section I: Added requirement that programs submit application to BrightStars within one year of applying for RIDE CECE Approval; e. Section III (Standard 4.1): Added option for Education Coordinator to hold BA plus 24 credits in Early Childhood Education without certification

**5. Type of Filing**

**Emergency Rules**

A1. Emergency 120-day initial - §42-35-2.10

- Adoption  
 Amendment of ERLID:  
 Repeal of ERLID:

A2. Emergency 60-day renewal - §42-35-2.10

- Adoption  
 Amendment  
 Repeal

Indicate ERLID of 120-day initial:

Brief Statement of Reason for Finding Imminent Peril §42-35-2.10:

**Final Rules**

B1. Amendment - §42-35-3(a)

B2. Adoption - §42-35-3(a)

B3. Repeal - §42-35-3(a)

C. Technical Revision

D. Direct Final Rule - §42-35-2.11

Supersedes ERLID: 5649

If B1 or C, please indicate new, amended, deleted, or revised sections:

Section III - Standard 1.8, Standard 1.14 and Standard 4.1; Section I

**6. Notice and Hearing Information**

Date of Public Notice - §42-35-2.8:04/16/2013

Date of Public Hearing - §42-35-2.8:05/07/2013

End of Comment Period - §42-35-2.8 :05/16/2013

**7. Agency Additional Information - Web Page**

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**8. Certification**

*I hereby certify that the attached rules and regulations were adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (42-35) and that they are true copies of this Department, attest,*

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Name

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Title

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Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn before me

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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