

Organizational Criteria	Determination
<p><b>Criteria I:</b> Fiscal and Administrative Capability for Administering an Accrediting Process</p>	Meets Requirements
<p><b>Criteria II:</b> Administrative Policies and System Evaluation Procedures</p>	Meets Requirements
<p><b>Criteria III:</b> Accreditation + Process</p>	Meets Requirements
<p><b>Criteria IV:</b> Institution’s Standards for Early Learning Programs or School-Age/Afterschool Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAEYC Program Accreditation Standards</li> </ul>	<p>NAEYC Accreditation + meets most ExceleRate criteria for Silver or Gold with some additional requirements.</p> <p>Programs will be awarded such with verification of additional requirements described below.</p>

ExceleRate Illinois Standards	Determination & Additional Requirements	
	For Silver	For Gold
<b>1 Teaching and Learning</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	<b>Accepted with additional requirements described below:</b>
a. Learning Environment	Accepted	Accepted
b. Curriculum	Accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programs must demonstrate that their chosen curriculum aligns with the Illinois Early Learning Guidelines for Children from Birth to Age Three and the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards for Preschool Children.</li> </ul>
c. Instructional Quality	Accepted	Accepted
d. Child Screening	Accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must meet requirements of ExceleRate Illinois</li> </ul>
e. Child Assessment	Accepted	Accepted
f. Inclusion of Children with Special Needs	Accepted	Accepted
<b>2 Family and Community Engagement</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	<b>Accepted</b>
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b. Transitions	Accepted	Accepted

<b>3 Program Administration</b>	<b>Accepted</b>	<b>Accepted</b>
a. Program Administration	Accepted	Accepted
b. Group Size and Staff/Child Ratios	Accepted	Accepted
c. Continuous Quality Improvement	Accepted	Accepted
d. Linguistically and Culturally Appropriate Practice	Accepted	Accepted
<b>4 Qualifications and Continuing Education</b>	<b>Accepted with additional requirements described below:</b>	<b>Accepted with additional requirements described below:</b>
a. Director Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must meet requirements of ExceleRate Illinois</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must meet requirements of ExceleRate Illinois</li> </ul>
b. Staff Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must meet requirements of ExceleRate Illinois</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must meet requirements of ExceleRate Illinois</li> </ul>
c. Staff Development	Accepted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All classroom staff in program must have individualized, written staff development plans implemented, and minimum of 20 hours of professional development per year including minimum of 5 hours Registry-approved training per year.</li> </ul>

*\*Additional training(s) will be verified.*

*\*IDCFS license will be checked for violations.*

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NAEYC Accreditation+ Determination for ExceleRate Illinois.



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