

Before & After School Programs

Definition:

South Dakota law defines a Before & After School Care program as the providing of care and supervision of children on a regular basis before and after regular school hours.

- Before & After School Care programs serve only school-age children and may be providing care for either part of a day or full-time during school breaks.
- Before & After School Care programs are required to become licensed, prior to operating, regardless of the funding source or location of the program.
 - An exemption to licensure is only if the after-school program is providing educational or recreational activities for children who come and go in the program at their own discretion.
- Programs are inspected each year.
- [Floor Plan Review Guide](#)
- [Floor Plan Review Guide for operation in a school building](#)

Health and Safety Regulatory Requirements met by School Age Programs:

- Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) [67:42:17](#) Child Care Licensing
- Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) [61:15:07](#) Fire safety requirements for schools
- South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) [Chapter 26-6](#) Children's Homes and Welfare Agencies
- [Guide to Child Care Licensing and Resources for Licensed Programs](#)

Monitoring and inspections

Sample Monitoring Forms

- [Program Inspection Sample](#)
- [Facility Safety Inspection Sample](#)

Background checks required

[Email a request for more information](#) or to obtain a packet to start the licensing process.

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