

Before & After School Programs

Definition of Before & After School program – Licensed

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](#)
 - [Modification Existing Program](#)
 - [School Age Care \(School only\)](#)

Health and Safety Regulatory Requirements Met by Before and After School Programs

- ARSD [67:42:14](#) Before and After School Care
- ARSD [67:42:11](#) Environmental health standards
- ARSD [67:42:16](#) Scope of services for child care programs
- ARSD [61:15:07](#) Fire safety requirements for schools
- SDCL [Chapter 26-6](#) Children's Homes and Welfare Agencies
- [The Licensing Handbook](#)

Monitoring and inspections

Sample Monitoring Forms

- [Program Inspection Sample](#)

Non-school

- [13-20 Facility Safety Inspection Sample](#)
- [21+ Facility Safety Inspection Sample](#)

School

- [13-20 Facility Safety Inspection Sample](#)
- [21+ Facility Safety Inspection Sample](#)
- [Background checks required](#)

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