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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