

Developmentally Appropriate Environment: Day Camp Only

Classroom/Group Name: _____

Date of Observation: _____

5 Interest Areas:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

All Content Areas Required:

Health and Wellness

Media and Technology

STEM

Arts and Culture

Global Learning

Language, Literacy &
Numeracy

Service Learning

Environmental Learning

Social Emotional

DAP activities and practices are engaging, comforting, culturally sensitive and compassionate.

- Interactions are positive/neutral
- Staff and children appear to enjoy being with each other
- Staff use communication that is DAP and have DAP expectations for children's behavior

2 Required:

- Staff are in close proximity with children and uses communication to expand on activities
- Staff provide opportunities for peer interaction
- Staff are observed having turn-taking conversation with children
- Staff offer at least one staff initiated language activity

Required:

- Uninterrupted free play - 50 consecutive minutes/less than 4 hours per day – 30 consecutive minutes (If outdoor play predominates the schedule, all interest areas must be available and easily accessible to children during the 50 minutes of uninterrupted play time.)

All Required and must be accessible:

- one book for each child at all times
- 6 different types of fine motor materials
- 6 different types of art materials
- Two sets of 10-20 blocks
- 5 different examples of dramatic play materials
- 6 different types of math/number materials

Choose 1:

- Interest areas available for children for majority of the day
- Quiet areas are away from noisy areas
- WMELS or SACF information shared with families If yes, how verified _____

Required: 3 Interest areas **must** offer children varied levels of difficulty and/or address different learning styles:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____