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 (This is for viewing only. Provider will complete this in the Provider Portal.)
- Floor Plan Review Guide for operation in a school building (This is for viewing only. Provider will complete this in the Provider Portal.)

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

For more information, please visit our Office of Licensing & Accreditation Constituent Portal to start the licensing process.