## Capacity Charts for Outdoor Nature-Based Programs

For licensed Outdoor Nature-Based providers, the following two tables are guides to help you meet the required capacities, staff-to-child ratios, and group sizes.



No Mixed-Age Groups - Per WAC 110-302-0356 (https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=110-302-0356) Early learning setting where children of the same age learn together.

Age Group	Maximum Group Size	Staff-to- Child Ratio	Limitations
Preschoolers (30 months – 6 years)	16	1 staff for every 6 children	<ul> <li>Two staff are required when 12 or fewer children are present</li> <li>Three staff are required when 13-16 children are present</li> </ul>
School-Age (5-13 years)	20	1 staff for every 8 children	Two staff are required when 16 or fewer children are present Three staff are required when 17-20 children are present
School-Age (9-13 years)	20	1 staff for every 10 children	At least two staff must be present

Mixed-Age Groups - Per WAC 110-302-0357 (https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=110-302-0357) Early learning setting where children of different ages learn together.

Age Group	Maximum Group Size	Staff-to- Child Ratio	Limitations
30 months – 13 years	16	1 staff for every 6 children	<ul> <li>Two staff are required when 12 or fewer children are present</li> <li>Three staff are required when 13-16 children are present</li> <li>One staff must be a lead teacher</li> </ul>
4.5 – 9 years	18	1 staff for every 7 children	<ul><li>At least three staff must be present</li><li>One staff must be a lead teacher</li></ul>
4.5 – 13 years	20	1 staff for every 8 children	<ul><li>At least three staff must be present</li><li>One staff must be a lead teacher</li></ul>

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