

Foundational Quality Standards for Early Learning Programs Covered in this Learning Session

WAC 110-300-0155 Use of television, video, and computers.

If an early learning provider offers screen time to children in care:

(1) The screen time available for each child:

- (a) Must be educational, developmentally and age appropriate, nonviolent, and culturally sensitive; and
- (b) Should be interactive with staff.

(2) Children must not be required to participate in screen time activities. Alternative activities must be provided to children in care when screen time is offered.

(3) Screen time must not occur during scheduled meals or snacks.

(4) Total screen time must not exceed two and one-half hours per week for each child over twenty-four months of age through preschool in full-day care (one and one-quarter hours per child in half-day care).

(5) For school-age children, screen time must be limited to two and one-half hours per week for each child unless computer use is required for homework or a part of curriculum.

(6) There must not be intentional screen time for children under twenty-four months of age. An infant or toddler must be redirected from an area where screen time is displayed.