

Terms and Definitions

Appropriate when used to refer to child care or educational materials means that the materials will interest and challenge children in terms of their ages and abilities.

Clean or **cleaning** means to remove dirt and debris from a surface by scrubbing and washing with a detergent solution and rinsing with water. This process must be accomplished before sanitizing or disinfecting a surface.

Early learning professionals are all early learning providers, child care licensing staff, and other professionals in the early learning field.

Infant is a child birth through eleven months of age.

Preschool-age child means a child thirty months through six years of age not attending kindergarten or elementary school.

RCW means Revised Code of Washington.

School-age child means a child not less than five years of age through twelve years of age who is attending kindergarten or elementary school.

Sleeping equipment includes a bed, cot, mattress, mat, crib, bassinet, play yard or "pack and play" but does not include a car seat or infant swing.

Supervise or **supervision** means an early learning provider must be able to see or hear the children they are responsible for at all times. Early learning providers must use their knowledge of each child's development and behavior to anticipate what may occur to prevent unsafe or unhealthy events or conduct, or to intervene in such circumstances as soon as possible. Early learning providers must also reposition themselves or the children to be aware of where children are and what they are doing during care. An early learning provider must reassess and readjust their supervision each time child care activities change. See "active supervision" for a heightened standard of care.

Toddler means a child twelve months through twenty-nine months of age.

WAC means Washington Administrative Code.