

Northbridge Elementary School

NAEYC Accreditation Process
for Preschool and Kindergarten

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- Northbridge Elementary School received accreditation in 2005
- Seeking reaccreditation is a 2 year process.
- Programs pursuing **initial accreditation** and programs seeking **reaccreditation** follow the same four step accreditation process.

Pursuing Accreditation

- **Step 1: Enrollment/Self-Study**

Aligning the program with the 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards

- **Step 2: Application/Self-Assessment**

Compile evidence on how our programs meets the 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards

- **Step 3: Candidacy**

Demonstrate key components of high quality programming and preparedness for site visit

- **Step 4: Meeting the Standards**

Demonstrate how your program meets the standards by allowing an NAEYC Assessor to observe your program in action and review evidence collected in Self-Assessment.

The four step process

1. Relationships
2. Curriculum
3. Teaching
4. Assessment and Child Progress
5. Health
6. Teachers
7. Families
8. Community Relationship
9. Physical Environment
10. Leadership and Management

Ten Standards

- Step 1: Enrollment—no requirements
- Step 2: Application/Self-Study
 1. Be center- or school-based.
 2. Serve a minimum of 10 children from birth through kindergarten.
 3. Be located in the United States or its territories, unless affiliated with United States Department of Defense schools and child development centers/programs.
 4. Be in operation for at least one year prior moving to
 5. Be regulated by the appropriate licensing/regulatory body.
 6. Be willing to meet each of the NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards.

Requirements

- **Step 3: Candidacy**

1. Maintain good standing in its licensing or regulatory status within the last year or since its last inspection.
2. Provide a description of the collaborative process used to complete its Candidacy Materials, which has actively engaged the program administrator, the teaching staff, and families.
3. Believe that it can meet each of the 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and that it can document satisfactory performance on at least 80 percent of the NAEYC Accreditation Criteria for each standard.
4. Demonstrate necessary early childhood, management and leadership expertise among members of its teaching and leadership staff.

Requirements (continued)

- Step 4: Meeting the Standards

1. Meet all required criteria.

2. Meet each of the 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards. This is demonstrated by:

- The program meeting at least 80 percent of the criteria upon which it is assessed in each standard, and
- Each group observed meeting at least 70 percent of criteria upon which it is assessed across all standards.

Requirements (continued)

- Throughout the NAEYC accreditation process, staff qualifications will be assessed according to the following measures:
 1. Candidacy Requirements related to support staff qualifications
 2. Criteria related to teaching staff qualifications

Educational Qualifications

- Enrolled in June 2009
- 2009-2010 Self-Study and work on the Self-Assessment
- 2010-2011 Apply for Candidacy

Where are we now?

Thank you !