

Curriculum Description Worksheet

More About the Standard

Programs may approach the use of curriculum in a variety of ways while meeting this standard. Programs may use a published curriculum, different aspects of a variety of published curriculums and materials, or a curriculum created by the program. Curriculums must align with the ages of children being served. Curriculum categories used in this standard are: infant–toddler (infant through 30 months), preschool (30 months through kindergarten), school-age (first grade through age 12), and mixed age groups.

Curriculum Description Worksheet

for Infant-Toddler Curriculum

(Infant–30 Months)

1. Indicate which of the following most accurately describes the curriculum used in your program:

Primarily use a commercially available published curriculum
Curriculum title and publisher: _____

Use parts of several published curriculums and/or other resource materials
Curriculum/materials titles and publishers: _____

Use a curriculum created by the program

2. Describe the theory and research (i.e., name of theory and author/theorist) from which the curriculum is based, including evidence of why the curriculum is likely to produce positive child outcomes. This could include a direct quote from the curriculum or a reference from another body of work that illustrates both 1) the theory and research driving the program's curriculum and 2) the impact it has had on children.

3. Indicate which of the following key areas of development are addressed in the curriculum and have associated outcomes for children's learning.

Social and Emotional Development
 Approaches to Learning
 Physical Education and Health
 Language and Literacy Development

Mathematics
 Science
 Social Science
 Arts

State two specific outcomes for each of two of the key areas of development listed above or attach a copy of child outcomes from the curriculum that addresses the key areas of development above.

3.1. _____

3.2. _____

4. An effective curriculum actively engages children in activities that balance intentional adult-directed activities and child-initiated activities supported by adults. Describe how the curriculum balances adult-directed and child-initiated activities. To provide clear evidence that the curriculum balances adult-directed and child-initiated activities, you may attach a copy of a suggested schedule or a lesson plan form provided in the curriculum.

5. In effective early childhood curriculums, children learn content through investigation and focused, intentional teaching. Describe materials and/or resources included in the curriculum that specify instructional details for the care and education provider/teacher to follow, including details on adult-child interactions. To provide clear evidence that the curriculum includes these materials, you may attach a copy of the instructional details from the curriculum.

Curriculum Description Worksheet for **Preschool Curriculum** (30 Months–Kindergarten)

1. Indicate which of the following most accurately describes the curriculum used in your program:

Primarily use a commercially available published curriculum
Curriculum title and publisher: _____

Use parts of several published curriculums and/or other resource materials
Curriculum/materials titles and publishers: _____

Use a curriculum created by the program

2. Describe the theory and research (i.e., name of theory and author/theorist) from which the curriculum is based, including evidence of why the curriculum is likely to produce positive child outcomes. This could include a direct quote from the curriculum or a reference from another body of work that illustrates both 1) the theory and research driving the program's curriculum and 2) the impact it has had on children.

3. Indicate which of the following key areas of development are addressed in the curriculum and have associated outcomes for children's learning.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Development & Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Science Knowledge and Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social and Emotional Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Arts Expression |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approaches to Learning | <input type="checkbox"/> Logic and Reasoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Language Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies Knowledge and Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy Knowledge and Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> English Language Development
(for children that speak a
language other than English at
home) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics Knowledge and Skills | |

State two specific outcomes for each of two of the key areas of development listed above or attach a copy of child outcomes from the curriculum that addresses the key areas of development above.

3.1. _____

3.2. _____

4. An effective curriculum actively engages children in activities that balance intentional adult-directed activities and child-initiated activities supported by adults. Describe how the curriculum balances adult-directed and child-initiated activities. To provide clear evidence that the curriculum balances adult-directed and child-initiated activities, you may attach a copy of a suggested schedule or a lesson plan form provided in the curriculum.

5. In effective early childhood curriculums, children learn content through investigation and focused, intentional teaching. Describe materials and/or resources included in the curriculum that specify instructional details for the care and education provider/teacher to follow, including details on adult-child interactions. To provide clear evidence that the curriculum includes these materials, you may attach a copy of the instructional details from the curriculum.

Curriculum Description Worksheet for Multi-Age Curriculum

1. Indicate which of the following most accurately describes the curriculum used in your program:

Primarily use a commercially available published curriculum
Curriculum title and publisher: _____

Use parts of several published curriculums and/or other resource materials
Curriculum/materials titles and publishers: _____

Use a curriculum created by the program

2. Describe the theory and research (i.e., name of theory and author/theorist) from which the curriculum is based, including evidence of why the curriculum is likely to produce positive child outcomes. This could include a direct quote from the curriculum or a reference from another body of work that illustrates both 1) the theory and research driving the program's curriculum and 2) the impact it has had on children.

3. Indicate which of the following key areas of development are addressed in the curriculum and have associated outcomes for children's learning.

- Physical Development and Health
- Social and Emotional Development
- Approaches to Learning
- Language Development
- Literacy Knowledge and Skills

- Mathematics Knowledge and Skills
- Science Knowledge and Skills
- Creative Arts Expression
- Logic and Reasoning
- Social Studies Knowledge and Skills
- English Language Development (for children that speak a language other than English at home)

State two specific outcomes for each of two of the key areas of development listed above or attach a copy of child outcomes from the curriculum that addresses the key areas of development above.

3.1. _____

3.2. _____

4. An effective curriculum actively engages children in activities that balance intentional adult-directed activities and child-initiated activities supported by adults. Describe how the curriculum balances adult-directed and child-initiated activities. To provide clear evidence that the curriculum balances adult-directed and child-initiated activities, you may attach a copy of a suggested schedule or a lesson plan form provided in the curriculum.

5. In effective early childhood curriculums, children learn content through investigation and focused, intentional teaching. Describe materials and/or resources included in the curriculum that specify instructional details for the care and education provider/teacher to follow, including details on adult-child interactions. To provide clear evidence that the curriculum includes these materials, you may attach a copy of the instructional details from the curriculum.

Curriculum Description Worksheet for School Age Curriculum (First Grade–Age 12)

1. Indicate which of the following most accurately describes the curriculum used in your program:

Primarily use a commercially available published curriculum
Curriculum title and publisher: _____

Use parts of several published curriculums and/or other resource materials
Curriculum/materials titles and publishers: _____

Use a curriculum created by the program

2. Indicate which of the following content areas are addressed within the curriculum:

English Language Arts and Literacy

Arts

Science

Health Education

Social Sciences

Physical Education

Mathematics

State two specific outcomes for each of two of the key areas of development listed above or attach a copy of child outcomes from the curriculum that addresses the key areas of development above.

2.1. _____

2.2. _____

3. Describe how the curriculum addresses completion of homework activities and builds on homework topics to expand children's learning opportunities within the program.

4. Effective school-age curriculums engage children in skill development, enrichment, recreational and academic activities. Please provide a brief description of the scope of activities supported by the curriculum. To provide clear evidence that the curriculum addresses these activities, you may attach a copy of a schedule or lesson plan form from the curriculum.
