



Spark Star Rating Overview

3-Star

Meets requirements below:

- Uses a developmentally appropriate curriculum
- Supports children’s health, hygiene, and fitness
- Participates in on-going professional development
- Partners with families to encourage children’s development
- Engages in business practices that support high quality care

4-Star

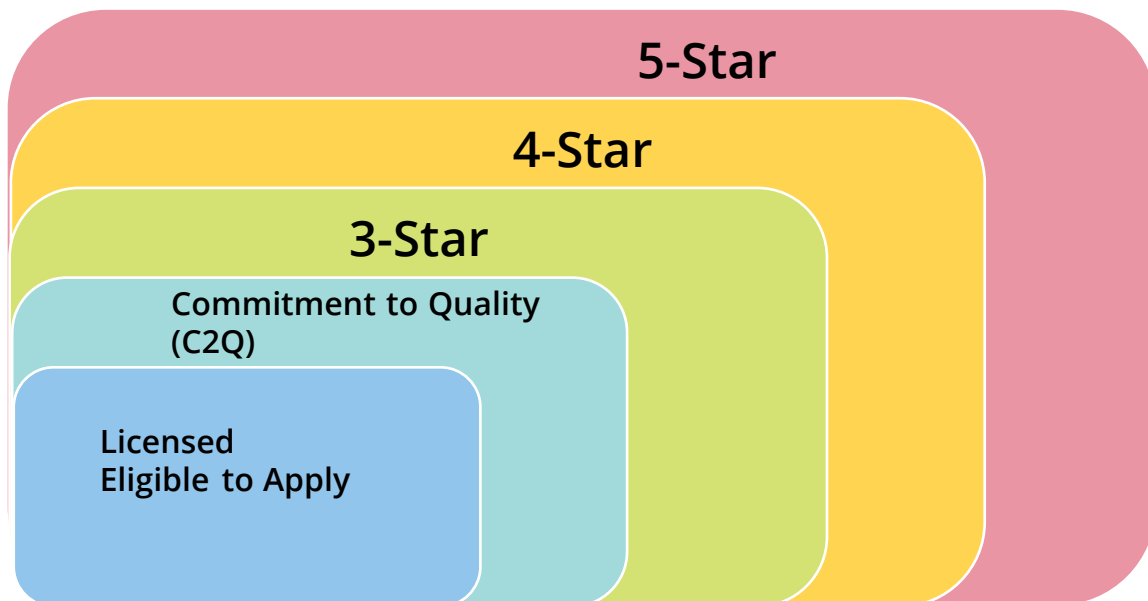
Meets 3-star requirements, **and**

- Uses materials and curriculum that promote equity, diversity, and inclusion
- Plans activities to teach children how to be safe and healthy
- Participates in professional development beyond what is required by Office of Child Care
- Partners with families to include their culture and traditions in the program activities
- Conducts regular self-assessments to support professional growth

5-Star

Meets 3 and 4-star requirements, **and**

- Has policies and practices that support high quality adult-child interactions
- Limits children’s screen use, and uses screen time intentionally
- Exceeds the hours of professional development required by the Office of Child Care
- Encourages parents to play an active role in the program community
- Conducts a thorough program evaluation annually



The Spark Tiered System

To maintain a rating, programs must:

- Maintain Spark compliance requirements with applicable state licensing regulations
- Participate in required continuous quality improvement and maintenance activities