

WAC 110-300D-0015 Pilot project licenses—Licensing rules. (1)

To participate in the outdoor, nature-based early learning and child care program pilot project, the applicant must apply to the department for and obtain a license to operate a pilot project.

(2) The department will select outdoor classroom sites after considering:

(a) The criteria described in RCW 43.216.740 (4) and (5);

(b) The characteristics of an applicant's outdoor classroom and whether those characteristics are a part of any existing licensed outdoor classroom; and

(c) The department's ability to monitor the applicant's outdoor classroom sites identified in the application.

(3) To protect the health and safety of children enrolled in outdoor classrooms, agency participants in this pilot project must agree, enter into, and comply with the terms and conditions of an outdoor classroom agreement prepared by the department. The outdoor classroom agreement shall require compliance with the following minimum terms and conditions:

(a) Compliance with the background check requirements contained in chapter 110-06 WAC;

(b) Compliance with the outdoor classroom agreement; and

(c) Compliance with the federal Child Care Development Fund (45 C.F.R. Part 98) requirements.

(4) Pursuant to RCW 34.05.310 (2)(b), the department will use this pilot project to test the feasibility of complying with or administering draft new rules or draft amendments to existing rules.

(5) To establish a uniform set of requirements for outdoor classrooms, the department may draft new rules or add amendments to existing rules; or add or amend current licensed child care rules under chapters 110-300, 110-300A, and 110-300B WAC.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.216.055, 43.216.065, 43.216.740 and chapter 43.216 RCW. WSR 19-07-021, § 110-300D-0015, filed 3/12/19, effective 4/12/19.]