

Note: the Standards Checklist was revised last summer. Please read each section carefully to make sure your school is meeting the new standards.

The legal definition of a parent cooperative in Oregon is:

- (a) Care is provided by parents on a rotating basis*
- (b) Membership in the cooperative includes parents*
- (c) There are written policies and procedures; and*
- (d) A board of directors that includes parents of the children cared for by the cooperative controls the policies and procedures of the program*

A Parent-Child Preschool shall be defined as: A program providing a multifaceted curriculum consistent with the needs of young children, having family members in the classroom on a daily basis, providing for parent education and involving families in decision-making.

In order to be a member of Parent-Child Preschools of Oregon (PCPO), each school must comply with the following minimum standards as established by the PCPO Board. Please read and initial each line, sign at the bottom, and return to PCPO.

Developmentally Appropriate Practice

1. Children shall participate a minimum of two hours in a multifaceted curriculum consistent with the needs of young children. _____
2. A minimum of two adults shall be present at all times. However, class size and additional staffing shall be determined in relation to the ages, needs and abilities of the children. _____
3. Schools shall have a written policy on guidance and discipline of children. _____

School Operations/Administration

1. Schools shall follow state law regarding certification or exemption of child care programs. _____
2. A family member shall serve as an assistant in the classroom on a daily basis. _____
3. The duties and responsibilities of family members in a cooperative preschool shall be explained prior to enrollment. _____
4. Orientation for families shall be provided to explain their obligations, the operation and administration of the school, the school philosophy, and the school's policies on guidance and discipline of children. _____
5. Opportunities for family education shall be provided. _____
6. Adult family members of enrolled children and the teacher(s) shall be involved in decision making and shall meet for that purpose at least three times a year (General Meetings). _____
7. The teacher(s) shall attend school board meetings or their equivalent. (Except as requested otherwise for personnel matters.) _____
8. Accident and liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance for employees shall be maintained. _____
9. Bylaws and Policies that govern the group shall be written and available. _____
10. Written admission criteria shall guide in registration of children and family members for membership. There shall be no discrimination because of race, creed, color or national origin. _____
11. Basic operating agreements shall be in writing. (Rental contract & teacher contract, if applicable). _____

