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3301-37-01 Definitions.

- (A) "Board of education" means the elected governing body of a school district or the governing body of a nonpublic school.
- (B) "Child day-care program" means a program that is developmentally appropriate for the children enrolled in the program.
- (C) "Class" means a group of children enrolled in the preschool program; maximum group size is specified in section 3301.56 of the Revised Code.
- (D) "Department" means the Ohio department of education.
- (E) "Director" means the person responsible for supervision of a preschool program. The director may be the head teacher or elementary principal.
- (F) "Eligible nonpublic school" means a nonpublic school chartered as described in division (B)(8) of section 5104.02 of the Revised Code or chartered by the state board of education for kindergarten through grade six or grades one through six; kindergarten through grade eight or grades one through eight; or kindergarten through grade twelve or grades one through twelve.
- (G) "Full-sized crib" means a crib which has an interior dimension greater than fifty-one inches (plus or minus five-eighths inch) in length and twenty-seven and seven-eighths inches (plus or minus five-eighths inch) in width. With the mattress support in its lowest position and the crib side in its highest position, the vertical distance from the upper surface of the mattress support to the upper surface of the crib side and/or end panel shall not be less than twenty-six inches.
- (H) "Handwashing facility" means a permanent-type fixture with running water which conforms to the requirements of the "Ohio Plumbing Code" in Chapter 4101:2-51 of the Administrative Code.
- (I) "Head teacher" means a person hired to guide and instruct a class of preschoolchildren enrolled in the program and who may supervise the preschool program.
- (J) "Infant" means a child who is less than eighteen months of age.
- (K) "Nonambulatory child" means any child who is unable to leave a building unassisted under emergency conditions; unable to walk forward or backward unassisted; unable to go up or down steps without help; and/or dependent upon mechanical aids

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such as crutches, walkers, and wheelchairs.

- (L) "Nonteaching employee" means a preschool employee whose primary responsibilities are duties other than care, teaching, and supervision of preschoolchildren.
- (M) "Nontoilet-trained toddler" means a child who is at least eighteen months of age but less than three years of age, and requires the use of diapers or training pants.
- (N) "Parent" means a person or government agency that is or will be responsible for a child's school attendance under section 3321.01 of the Revised Code.
- (O) "Policies" mean principles governing the operation of the preschool program. Policies shall be established and adopted by the board of education.
- (P) "Porta crib" means a crib which has an interior dimension smaller than forty-nine and three-fourths inches (plus or minus five-eighths inch) in length and twenty-six and five-eighths inches (plus or minus five-eighths inch) in width. With the mattress support in its lowest position and the crib side in its highest position, the vertical distance from the upper surface of the mattress support to the upper surface of the crib side and/or end panel shall not be less than twenty-two inches.
- (Q) "Preschoolchild" means a child who has not entered kindergarten and is not of compulsory school age.
- (R) "Preschool program" means a child day-care program for children who have not entered kindergarten and who are not of compulsory school age.
- (S) "Preschool staff member" means a preschool employee whose primary responsibility is care, teaching, or supervision of preschoolchildren.
- (T) "Procedures" means an administrative course of action specified in writing.
- (U) "School-age child" means a child who is five years old as of September thirtieth and enrolled in kindergarten or age six and of compulsory school age.
- (V) "School building" means a building that is owned or leased and operated by the district or eligible nonpublic school and has been approved by a municipal, township, or county building department for the purpose of operating a program for preschoolchildren.
- (W) "School district" means any city, county, exempted village, local, joint vocational

and/or nonpublic school chartered by the state board of education.

- (X) "Space" means an area defined by continuous barriers that are at least thirty-six inches in height. The barriers may be permanent or nonpermanent walls, bookcases, partitions or some similar device used to define the area.
- (Y) "Supervision" means the process of overseeing the daily operation of the preschool program.
- (Z) "Superintendent" means chief administrative officer of a school district or the chief administrative officer of a nonpublic school.
- (AA) "Teacher" means a person hired to instruct a class of preschoolchildren enrolled in the program.
- (BB) "Toddler" means a child who is at least eighteen months of age but less than three years of age.
- (CC) "Toilet-trained toddler" means a child who is at least eighteen months of age but less than three years of age and does not require the use of diapers or training pants.

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