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NAEYC Accreditation and Texas Minimum Standards Comparison

A) The child-staff ratios for ages infants through eight years old comparison.

NAEYC standards does not have as many ratios as Texas Minimum Standards does. In fact, the Texas Standards have nine different ratios and NAEYC has five. Also, for the NAEYC standards there is one teacher to every four infants and on the Texas standards for infants (0 to 11 months) there needs to be at least one caregiver to four children in a classroom. For NAEYC standards for Toddler/two there needs to be one teacher to every six students. For Texas standards, 12 – 17 months there needs to be at least five toddlers to one caregiver. NAEYC standards says about preschool age that there is one teacher to 10 students. As opposed to the Texas standards for 18 – 23 months requires at least one caregiver to nine students. For NAEYC Standards kindergarten age there is one teacher two twelve students. For Texas standards two years of age you need one teacher for eleven students. NAEYC standards for school age said one teacher for fifteen students. This is where the ratio breakdowns for each standard is different, as Texas has four more ratios and NAEYC does not.

I like the Texas minimum standards best because it gives you more ratio age ranges, which makes it more specific for class planning.

B) The group size requirements

Texas minimum standards for group sizes has more group size breakdowns and NAEYC has fewer size breakdowns because Texas teacher/student ratios are smaller. Because of this the Texas group sizes are slightly larger than NAEYC.

C) NAEYC Code of Ethical Conduct and Texas Minimum Standards identification

- NAEYC Code I-1.5 says that the educator needs to have a safe and healthy environment for the children. Texas Code 3.2 says that you should not mistreat children in a way that could adversely affect their ability to learn
- NAEYC Code P1.3 says that educators should not discriminate by denying benefit or giving special advantages to certain children. Texas code 3.4 says educator shall not exclude or deny benefits for a student based on race, color, sexual orientations, etc.
- NAEYC code P 2.8 says we will treat child information confidentially. Texas code 3.1 says teacher shall not reveal confidential information regarding students.

D) Example of applying this information in class

Since I would like to become a teacher for special needs for about 10 kids in the classroom, we would only need one teacher as required by Texas. However, it would be better to have at least one other teacher or teacher's aid in order to effectively manage and teach the special needs group of ten. I want this because so that every student can get help by a one on one teacher in the

classroom. I would also ensure that myself and my teaching partner would be familiar with and abide by the NAEYC and Texas standards for ethical conduct.