

Early Learning Quality Assessment & Accreditation

RECOGNITION



Documentation Review:
Focuses on identifying key policy components and baseline practices upon which high-quality early learning experiences and environments can be built.



New Cost Breakdown:

- Application Fee: \$400 for all program sizes
- Annual Renewal Fee: \$400 for all program sizes



No required site visit

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One-year term, renewable annually

Recognition is an entry point for programs interested in building a high-quality care and learning environment. Recognition will be awarded based on document review. Programs must first achieve Recognition to move forward to Accreditation.

ACCREDITATION



Documentation Review:
Streamlined content inclusive of both document-based and observation-based items that demonstrates policies, structures and practices necessary for a high-quality care and learning environment.



New Cost Breakdown:

- Application Fee: \$650 - \$1550 based on program size
- Annual Fee: \$650 - \$1550 based on program size



Potential for a random site visit

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Five-year term, annual reporting required

The ideal level of achievement that demonstrates a program's commitment to high-quality early childhood education. Accreditation decisions are initially granted based on document review. Programs that successfully achieved Accreditation status will be subject to random site visits where the program will be assessed for the Accreditation Observation Assessment Items.

ACCREDITATION +



Documentation Review:
Same requirements as Accreditation with increased accountability protocols.



New Cost Breakdown:

- Site Visit Fee: \$1750 - \$4000 based on program size
- Annual Fee: \$650 - \$1550 based on program size



Guaranteed site visit with potential for an additional random site visit

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Five-year term, annual reporting required

The optional next level for programs seeking increased accountability due to state or local requirements, or personal goals.