

10A NCAC 09 .0509 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The learning environment consists of the indoor and outdoor area which encourages child initiated and teacher supported activities as follows:

- (1) each center shall have developmentally appropriate equipment and materials accessible on a daily basis;
- (2) the materials and equipment indoors and outdoors shall be sufficient to provide a variety of play experiences that promote the children's emotional and social development, health and physical development, approaches to play and learning, language development, and communication and cognitive development;
- (3) teacher-made and home-made equipment and materials may be used. Materials and equipment that are accessible to children shall not be coated or treated with, nor shall they contain, toxic materials such as creosote, pentachlorophenol, tributyl tin oxide, dislodgeable arsenic, or and any finishes that contain pesticides; and
- (4) developmentally appropriate equipment and materials shall be provided for a variety of outdoor activities that allow for active play and large muscle development. The center shall provide space and time for active indoor activities when children cannot play outdoors.

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