

# Capacity Charts for Outdoor Nature-Based Programs

For licensed Outdoor Nature-Based providers, the following two tables are guides to help you meet the required capacities, staff-to-child ratios, and group sizes.



## No Mixed-Age Groups - WAC 110-302-0356 (<https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=110-302-0356>)

Age Group	Maximum Group Size	Maximum Ratio	Limitations
Preschoolers (30 months – 6 years)	16	1:6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two staff are required when 12 or fewer children are present</li> <li>Three staff are required when 13-16 children are present</li> </ul>
School-Age (5-13 years)	20	1:8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two staff are required when 16 or fewer children are present</li> <li>Three staff are required when 17-20 children are present</li> </ul>
School-Age (9-13 years)	20	1:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least two staff must be present</li> </ul>

## Mixed-Age Groups - WAC 110-302-0357 (<https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=110-302-0357>)

Age Group	Maximum Group Size	Maximum Ratio	Limitations
30 months – 13 years	16	1:6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two staff are required when 12 or fewer children are present</li> <li>Three staff are required when 13-16 children are present</li> <li>One staff must be a lead teacher</li> </ul>
4.5 – 9 years	18	1:7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least three staff must be present</li> <li>One staff must be a lead teacher</li> </ul>
4.5 – 13 years	20	1:8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least three staff must be present</li> <li>One staff must be a lead teacher</li> </ul>

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