

The Rise School of Austin	Austin Preschool or Day Care Center (Texas Requirements for Child Care Centers)
Director Education Qualifications: Head of School/Director has a minimum of a Master's Degree	Director Education Qualifications: Head of School/Director has a minimum of a high school diploma or its equivalent and a day-care administrator's credential
Teacher/Caregiver Qualifications: Lead teachers must have a minimum of a Master's Degree, teachers must have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree, and teaching assistants must have a minimum of a Child Development Associate's Degree	Teacher/Caregiver Qualifications: Teachers must have a high school diploma or equivalent and eight hours of pre-service training
Professional Development Hours: All teaching staff must complete a minimum of 30 hours of professional development, not including 24 hours of pre-service training, and must be first aid certified	Professional Development Hours: Teaching staff (caregivers) must have 24 clock hours of annual training
Professional Development Training: All teaching staff receive training in Conscious Discipline, Handwriting without Tears, Zoo-Phonics, Behavior Modification, Effective Inclusive Practices, Developmentally Appropriate Practice, Minimum Standards, Brain Development, Operational Policies and Procedures, Child Abuse/Neglect, Emergency Preparedness, First Aid and CPR, and NAEYC standards.	Professional Development Training: All teaching staff (caregivers) must receive training in Minimum Standards, Child Abuse and Neglect, Operational Policies and Procedures, Administering Medication, Preventing and responding to allergy emergencies, Handling, storing, and disposing of hazardous materials, and precautions in transporting children.
Classroom Ratios: Ratios (# of children: 1 teacher): 12 – 17 mos. = 3:1 18 – 23 mos. = 3:1 2 yrs. = 3:1 3 yrs. = 3:1 4 yrs. = 3:1 5 yrs. = 3:1	Classroom Ratios: Ratios (# of children: 1 caregiver): 12 – 17 mos. = 4:1 18 – 23 mos. = 5:1 2 yrs. = 11:1 3 yrs. = 15:1 4 yrs. = 18:1 5 yrs. = 22:1
Classroom/Group Size: Waddler (12 – 24 mos.) = 10 - 12 Toddler (24 – 36 mos.) = 12 Preschool (36 – 48 mos.) = 12 Pre-Kindergarten (48 – 60 mos.) = 12	Classroom/Group Size: 12 – 17 mos. = 13 18 – 23 mos. = 18 2 yrs. = 22 3 yrs. = 30 4 yrs. = 35 5 yrs. = 35
Activity Plan Requirements: Rise fulfills Minimum Standard requirements while also providing a therapy enriched classroom environment and lesson plans that are tailored to the individual needs of every child. Individual, small and large group formats are utilized for instruction throughout the day. The curriculum is enhanced by	Activity Plan Requirements: Variety of activities daily, outdoor play, meal and snack times, child-initiated and teacher-initiated activities, naptime, and written plan available to parents.

collaborative efforts on part of the program director, speech therapist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, music therapist, and represents the culture and interests of the students.	
Teacher/Caregiver Continuity: Each classroom is led by three primary teachers that remain with the same children for the entire school year. Rise believes in the development of a strong, healthy, and supportive school family. Each child has the opportunity to build genuine connections with the peers and teachers as they work together for an entire school year in the same classroom.	Teacher/Caregiver Continuity: “Care by the same caregiver on a regular basis, when possible.”