

CHILDCARE PROGRAMS

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision for childcare programs.

The board recognizes the difficulties parents experience in providing supervision of younger students before and after regular school hours. Based upon available resources and the demand for childcare services, the district will provide extended day experiences for children in the district.

South Carolina law provides that boards will provide school-age childcare programs or facilities therefore. Specifically, a board will provide at least one of the following.

- A school-aged childcare program for children aged five - 14 years that operates before or after the school day, or both, and during periods when school is not in session.
- A school-age childcare program that operates during periods when school is in session for students who are enrolled in a half-day kindergarten program.
- Classrooms, other space, or both, in a school for use by an organization that is operating a school-age childcare program before or after the school day, or both, and during periods when school is not in session for children aged five - 14 years. The board may enter into a long-term lease with a corporation, community service organization or other governmental entity to provide a childcare program. If the property subject to the lease is being paid for from money in the district's debt service fund, all proceeds from the lease will be deposited in the district's debt service fund until the property is paid for.

The district will operate extended day programs in accordance with appropriate state and federal regulations. The administration will develop rules and regulations as needed to ensure the safety, order, proper administration and monitoring of the programs as needed. The final decision regarding the implementation and continuation of these programs rests with the board.

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Legal references:

- A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
1. Section 59-19-90(11) - General powers and duties of trustees.
 2. Section 59-19-125 - Leasing school property for particular purposes.