

# **Physical Facilities**

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**Shelby County Schools**

**Division of Early Childhood**

**TDOE Notebook**

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(1) Physical facilities shall maintain compliance with all applicable health and safety codes throughout the certification year and shall additionally comply with any updated standards issued by the Fire Marshal and the Department of Health.

(2) All facilities shall have a means of communications via phone.

(3) The maximum number of children who may be present inside a physical space (e.g., the program's "certificated capacity") shall be determined in accordance with the minimum square footages set forth in this paragraph; provided, however, the Department may, in its discretion as determined reasonably necessary to maintain the health and safety of the children in care, restrict the program's certificated capacity below the maximum which is set forth in these rules.

(a) A minimum of thirty (30) square feet of usable indoor space shall be provided for each child.

(5) Outdoor play areas shall contain a minimum of fifty (50) square feet of usable play space for each child using the area at one time.

(e) The outdoor play/care areas shall be free of hazardous items that could be accessible to children.

(f) Outdoor areas shall be free of all animal wastes.

(6) Drinking water from individual single service cups or an approved drinking fountain shall be provided in all occupied rooms.

(7) All garbage shall be removed from the building daily and all garbage storage receptacles shall be outside and kept closed with tight-fitting lids. The area surrounding the garbage containers shall be kept clean.

(8) The building shall be kept clean and maintained in good repair, without unsafe cracks, leaks