

PROGRAMS

- *Tadpoles: Birth to 2 years old
- *Froglets : 1.5-2.5 years old
- * Pollywogs: 2.5-3.5 years old
- * Fire Bellies: Preschoolers (3.5-6 years olds)
- * Amphibians: Before care, After Care and Home schoolers.

Age Range Ratios for Center-based Care in Virginia State

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| Infants - 16 months | (1:4) |
| 16 months - 2 years | (1:5) |
| 2 years | (1:8) |
| 3 - 5 years | (1:10) |
| School age - 8 years | (1:18) |
| 9 - 12 years | (1:20) |
| Mixed age group | ratio for youngest child in group |

Children of different age groups may be combined if the following guidelines are followed:

- Children 2 years old may be combined with children who are 3-5 years old as long as the ratio of the youngest child in the group is maintained within the group.
- Classrooms of children 3 years and older may be combined, with the ratio determined by the age of the youngest child in the group.

During the designated rest period and the designated sleep period of evening and overnight care programs, the ratio of staff to children may be double the number of children to each staff required by subdivisions E 2 through 4 and 7 of this section if:

- A staff person is within sight and sound of the resting/sleeping children;
- Staff counted in the overall rest period ratio are within the building and available to ensure safe evacuation in an emergency; and
- An additional person is present at the center to help, if necessary.

However, we do understand that this is also the staffs lunch period, so a rotation will be implemented to maintain a fair and safe environment at all times.

Ratios must be maintained at all times, including when emergency procedures are in effect. Doubling is not allowed for infants.