

Classroom Observations Continued

Preschool and School-Age Classroom Checklist Resource:

This checklist may be used alongside your NECPA Self Assessment Instrument when evaluating your classrooms. This is not an all-inclusive list for all standards, but includes some of the most commonly overlooked observable items.

Preschooler (3-5yr) and School-Age (5-12yr) Classrooms – All of the items on the checklist should be observable.

| Learning Centers | Observable Items |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Table Top Games/Manipulatives <input type="checkbox"/> Dramatic Play <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts <input type="checkbox"/> Large Muscle <input type="checkbox"/> Science/Nature <input type="checkbox"/> Block Building <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Motor <input type="checkbox"/> Math/Numbers <input type="checkbox"/> Language Arts/Literacy <input type="checkbox"/> Music/Movement <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking/Carpentry* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reading area (with soft furniture) <input type="checkbox"/> Mirrors for developing self-awareness/self-concept (at child's eye level) <input type="checkbox"/> Family pictures (at child's eye level) <input type="checkbox"/> Artwork/Child's work (at child's eye level) <input type="checkbox"/> Room arrangement is child-friendly and developmentally appropriate <input type="checkbox"/> Child-size equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Low, open shelves <input type="checkbox"/> Books, toys and materials reflect multicultural and multiethnic diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Handwashing sink is adjacent to the bathroom to prevent the spread of disease <input type="checkbox"/> Posted hand-washing procedure <input type="checkbox"/> Food preparation sink/area is separate from handwashing sink/area <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning solution and sanitizer is out of children's reach |

***Please Note:** Woodworking/Carpentry is defined as using or manipulating real wooden pieces, which can be cut, glued, and/or nailed in a developmentally appropriate manner. Any tools provided must be child-sized and age-appropriate. The use of blocks from the Block Area will not meet the requirements for this standard. Proper supervision and instruction are vital for successful implementation of Woodworking/Carpentry.

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