



Comprehensive Curriculum Review Rubric

Use this rubric to review the curriculum you intend to use in your early childhood program. A comprehensive curriculum includes all of the criteria described below. When these criteria work together, they provide early childhood professionals with a framework from which they can offer children standards-based, fun and challenging experiences that are developmentally, linguistically and culturally appropriate (DAP).

Does the curriculum meet the following criteria?	
<p>Is the curriculum aligned with Delaware’s Early Learning Foundations and include the domains of learning?</p> <p><i>Does the curriculum align with the Delaware Early Learning Foundations?</i></p> <p>_____ <i>Infant Toddler</i></p> <p>_____ <i>Preschool</i> <i>(Applies to the age the curriculum represents)</i></p> <p><i>Does the curriculum include the 5 domains of learning (social-emotional, physical, language and literacy, cognitive and approaches to learning)?</i></p>	<p>If yes, what is the evidence?</p> <hr/> <p>If no,</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>The curriculum will not be approved.</p> </div>
If yes, ask the next question:	
<p>Is the curriculum based on research and evidence?</p> <p><i>Does the curriculum reflect current information about ways children learn and develop? Does it show evidence that the curriculum is effective and has positive outcomes for children?</i></p> <p>Evidence could include citations of research, resources or website references, or research, publisher validation studies); Outcomes evidence can include publisher validation studies or program assessment results</p>	<p>If yes, what is the evidence?</p> <hr/> <p>If no,</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>The curriculum will not be approved.</p> </div>

If you answered yes to both of the questions above, circle rating for each of the following criteria. Be sure to add the evidence (what you found during your review) that shows why you rated the criteria a 2 – 1 – or 0. The curriculum must have a minimum rating of 8 with at least a "1 - Adequate" in each area to be approved for use in a Delaware Stars program. *The information in red defines adequate.*

Criteria	Explanation	Rating	Evidence/Notes
Goals and Objectives	Does the curriculum provide a process for purposeful and intentional decision-making for children? Does the process result in individualized goals and objectives for children's learning?	2-Exceeds 1-Adequate 0-Missing	
Schedule	Is the curriculum flexible? Does it include large group, small group, and individual activities? Does it suggest indoor and outdoor experiences? Does it include ideas for routines? Does it allow for children's exploration of ideas and materials?	2-Exceeds 1-Adequate 0-Missing	
Activities	Are the curriculum's activities developmentally appropriate? Do they encourage creativity, problem solving and persistence? Is there a balance of teacher and child-directed experiences?	2-Exceeds 1-Adequate 0-Missing	
Environment	Does the curriculum include guidance on preparing the environment to support children's learning? Does it suggest types of materials and equipment as well as provided experiences?	2-Exceeds 1-Adequate 0-Missing	
Diversity and Inclusivity	Are the materials free of cultural bias and reflect the culture of community? Does the curriculum provide ideas and methods for including all children including those with diverse needs?	2-Exceeds 1-Adequate 0-Missing	
Assessment	Is guidance offered on ways to observe and document activities to note children's learning progress? Is there an aligned curriculum-based assessment that is offered as a companion to the curriculum?	2-Exceeds 1-Adequate 0-Missing	
Family	Are there ways to include families in the development of goals for children? Does the curriculum offer ways that celebrations consider families' cultures and ethnic practices? Are home-school partnerships encouraged?	2-Exceeds 1-Adequate 0-Missing	
Supports teacher implementation	Does the curriculum provide materials and guidance for teachers' successful implementation of curriculum? Are these ideas in the areas of environment, activities, goal setting?	2-Exceeds 1-Adequate 0-Missing	
Overall Rating (maximum score =16) Must rate a minimum of 8 for approval ("adequate" in each of area)			