

	DHS Early Head Start Program Policy		
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY 2			
SUBJECT	Class and Group Size Requirements		
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Policy:

The Early Head Start classroom sizes are determined based on square footage, with a minimum of 35 square feet per child indoor and 75 square feet per child for outdoor with no more than 8 children to a classroom. **Classroom Design**

Ages	Classroom Design
6 Wks -36 Months	All EHS classrooms, by design, will have no more than eight children enrolled per class. The integration of EHS enrolled children and non EHS children per classroom is encouraged.

Group Size

Ages	Group Size
6 Wks -36 Months	Maximum of eight children enrolled per class. Two teachers with no more than eight children. Two teachers must be in the classroom at all times.

Ratios

Ages	Ratios
6 Wks -36 Months	One teacher to four children with two teachers in the classroom at all times.

Service Providers must seek prior approval before any change to a classroom age group designation. As children age throughout the program, they may remain in their current classrooms until room becomes available in the next age-appropriate classroom.

Performance Standard(s):

1302.21(b)(1)(2);

1302.94(a)(b)

