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## ECERS-R Materials Checklist

This checklist is to assist programs in preparing their classroom environments for a Level 3 - Level 5 rating. This list does not guarantee a higher rating in Colorado Shines. For more information and clarification on classroom environments, refer to the All About The ECERS-R and the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale Revised Edition.

|  |  | Materials available on different levels of difficulty |
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| Fine Motor | Materials organized in containers with picture labels |  |
|  | Materials rotated regularly to maintain interest |  |



| $\square$ Electric keyboards | $>$ Popular |
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| $\square$ Bells | $>$ Children's songs |
| $\square$ Piano | $>$ Jazz |
| $\square$ Triangles | $>$ Rock |
| $\square$ Xylophones | $>$ Reggae |
| $\square$ Harmonicas | $>$ Rhythm and blues |
| $\square$ Rhythm sticks | $>$ Songs in different languages |
| $\square$ Shakers | $>$ Lullabies |
| Notes: | $>$ Folk songs |

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## Dress-up clothes:

Shirts / blouses for both men and women
$\square$ Dresses, skirts, pants, jackets
$\square$ Footwear

- boots
- sandals
- slippers
- various shoes
$\square$ Ties, scarves
$\square$ Belts
$\square$ Aprons for cooking or for using tools
$\square$ Uniforms
- medical
- firefighter
- postal worker
- office
- construction
$\square$ Hats for men and women
- hard hats
- different job hats
- hats for different kinds of weather
- hats for leisure
- flowery hats
$\square$ Accessories
- jewelry
- hair clips
- purses / tote bags
- briefcases
- glasses - no lenses
- sunglasses
$\square$ Cooking / eating equipment
$>$ pots / pans
$>$ utensils
$>$ dishes
$>$ tea set
$>$ wok
$>$ toaster
> microwave oven
Play foods - including different ethnic foods


## Dolls - showing racial diversity

> baby dolls
> dolls representing adults
> small dolls for dollhouses
> paper dolls
> wooden dolls
> people figures to use with blocks or building sets
Doll clothes
$\square$ Soft/ vinyl animals
$\square$ Telephones

## Different kinds of work props:

Office
$\square$ Store
$\square$ Restaurant
$\square$ Construction
$\square$ Zoo keeper
$\square$ Medical
$\square$ Farmer or gardener
$\square$ Airplane or train
$\square$ Fire fighting

Doll furniture
$>$ baby doll-sized bed
$>$ highchair
$>$ stroller
$>$ cars
$>$ other disabilities equipment - walkers or wheelchairs
$\square$ Mirror
$\square$ Play houses


## Animals

$\square$ Plants
$\square$ Birds
$\square$ Fish
$\square$ Human body
$\square$ Seasons
$\square$ Weather
$\square$ Plants
$\square$ Toys (portray natural life)
$\square$ Plastic sets of animals
$\square$ Puzzles with nature pictures or natural sequences
$\square$ Life cycle play sets
$\square$ Games
$\square$ Nature matching cards
$\square$ Nature sequence cards
$\square$ Body part matching games
$\square$ Board games with a nature theme
$\square$ Factual nature/science videos or computer games
$\square$ Sink and float activity, with objects to use in an experiment
$\square$ Racing cars down slopes that vary in length and incline
$\square$ Shaking cans filled with differing substances to match and compare sounds
$\square$ Smelling and matching cans filled with different spices
$\square$ Using plastic translucent color paddles to make colors that match objects
$\square$ Cooking foods that change when mixed, cooled, cooked
$\square$ Completing a weather chart, after looking to see the weather
$\square$ Using a rain gauge to record how much rain fell
$\square$ Planting seeds and/or a garden and taking care of it
$\square$ Tasting and comparing sweet, sour, bitter, salty
$\square$ Lifting objects with levers and pulleys
$\square$ Using different length pendulums with different weights
$\square$ Looking at objects under a simple microscope

Notes: $\qquad$

|  | - <br> Math/Namples from all 5 categories accessible for $1 / 3$ of the day, <br> rotated to maintain interest, and organized (may not necessarily be in <br> a specific center) |
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|  | Two examples of daily activities to promote math/number learning <br> must be observed |
| Math/number activities requiring staff input should be offered every <br> two weeks |  |

## Counting:

$\square$ Teddy bears or other small objects to count with number labeled mats or bowls
$\square$ Money in the dramatic play center
$\square$ Pegboards with number printed and holes to match
$\square$ Puzzles, toys or games (where quantities of objects are matched to written numbers)
$\square$ Beads and bead patterns (where quantities of objects are matched to written numbers)

## Measuring:

$\square$ Measuring cups and spoons for sand/water, cooking or housekeeping
$\square$ Balance scale with things to weigh
$\square$ Rulers and tape measures with things to measure
$\square$ Thermometers
$\square$ Yardsticks or rulers on woodworking bench Height chart

|  | Pegs to fill different numbers of pegboard holes | $\square$ Foot size measurer |
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|  | Comparing quantities: <br> Toys and games used to figure out "more and less" <br> Geoboards and pegs <br> Unit blocks <br> Attribute blocks <br> Parquetry blocks <br> Pattern or matching cards for any shape toys <br> Magnetic shapes | Becoming familiar with written numbers: Number puzzles Magnetic numbers Play telephones Dramatic play cash register with play money Number lotto Clocks Calendar Playing cards Number lacing cards Number books and posters |
| Notes: |  |  |
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| Encourage Active InvolvementDancePlay musical instrumentsFinger playsSing |  | $\square$ Exercise |
|  |  | $\square$ Creative drawing or painting |
|  |  | $\square$ Think and solve problems (computer games) |
|  |  | $\square$ Support and extend classroom themes and activities |
|  |  | $\square$ Add to children's experiences |
| Notes: |  |  |
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| observed <br> Teacher-directed activities to help children understand diversity must be included |  |
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| Books, pictures, toys, print and AV materials: Races Cultures Ages Abilities Gender | Props: <br> Dress up clothing (representing different countries and customs) Dolls and puppets (representing people of different cultures) Small toy people representing various ethnic groups, for use with blocks Play food representing different cultures Cooking utensils representing different cultures Baby carriers from different cultures Play money from different countries Pieces of fabric or blankets typical of different cultures Real equipment used by people with disabilities Equipment for dolls representing certain disabilities |
| Diversity as part of daily routines: Ethnic foods are served often as meals or snacks Staff use some words in different languages to talk about routines Music from varying cultures is used at naptime Staff say hello or goodbye in different languages Family traditions and utensils are provided at meals and snacks, if desired | Diversity as part of play activities: <br> Cooking activities, foods representative of other cultures are prepared by children Bingo is played in different languages Children regularly dance to music from various cultures Art materials and activities associated with different cultures are used - colored sands for sand paintings, clay for making pottery, origami paper folding activities Musical instruments representing various cultures Children celebrate winter holiday of many different cultures People come in to teach children folk songs of different countries Children learn dances from different countries Children see a video of games children play in other countries |
| Notes: |  |


| Books and Pictures | - A wide selection of books (3-4 examples of each type), rotated to maintain interest with at least 3 relating to current theme, are organized in a reading center and are accessible for a substantial portion of the day (At least 20 books for a group of 15 children plus one extra for each additional child) <br> - Books, materials, and activities do not show violence in a graphic way and are appropriate for children in the group <br> Book should include simpler books for younger children, large print books for visually impaired, books in the primary language of children, rhyming games for older children <br> - Staff reads books to children informally daily. (During free play, at nap time, as an extension of an activity) |
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| A wide selection: Fantasy Factual Information Stories about People Stories about Animals Nature/science Different races and cultures Different abilities | Additional language materials used daily to encourage children to communicate Posters and pictures Flannel board stories in book area Picture card games Recorded stories and songs Listening center with CD / tape player Puppets in book area Small figures in block area Animals in block area Telephones Dramatic play props Dolls |
| Notes: |  |
| Cozy Area / Privacy Space | - A well-defined secluded area where one or two children are protected from active play through its placement in the room <br> - The cozy area should be filled with several types of soft furnishings such as carpet, stuffed animals, pillows, bean bags or soft chairs to allow children to completely escape the hardness of the classroom <br> - Cozy Area / Privacy Space may be combined if all criteria are met <br> - Books, quiet games, toys, and soft music should be accessible |

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