



ECE 060: Introduction to the Kentucky All STARS Standards (no hours)

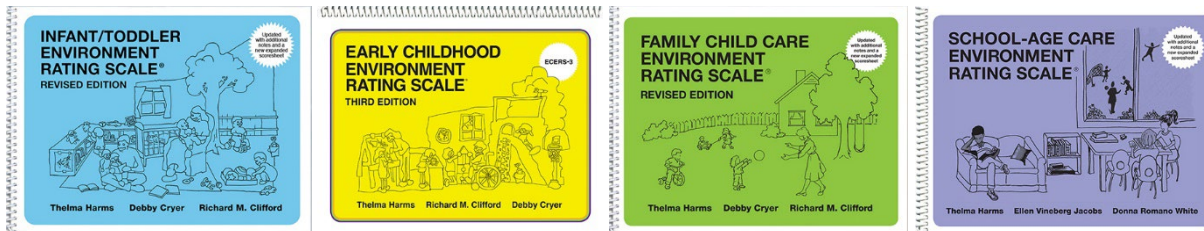
What is Kentucky All STARS?

Kentucky All STARS is a rating system for early care and education programs that receive public funding; this includes child care centers, Head Start, in-home providers, and public preschools.

Kentucky All STARS has three main goals:

1. Enhance the quality of early care and education settings for all children throughout the state of Kentucky
2. Incorporate standards that will promote school readiness for all children through the addition of assessment and screening standards
3. Ensure that quality care will be available to all children, especially children at risk because of a variety of circumstances.

Programs who choose to participate at a Level 3 or higher have also had their program environment observed using the appropriate [Environmental Rating Scale](#).



What are the All STARS Levels?

Kentucky All STARS is a 5 level hybrid rating system. The hybrid rating system incorporates both **required standards** for each level and **points**.

Each level builds on the level before.

Levels 1 and 2 have required standards that need to be met.

Levels 3-5 have a combination of *required* and *optional* standards.

Applications and a [Standards Quality Verification Checklist](#) must be completed for **Levels 2-5**. The following table lists the standards and shows what the standards are at each Quality Level.

Quality standard	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
50 percent of teaching staff have professional learning activities in developmental screening.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Complete an environmental self-assessment using a valid and reliable tool appropriate for ages/settings of children served.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Program or site administrator or director receives 10 hours of professional learning in curriculum, instructional practices and/or teaching and learning or has an approved early childhood credential or degree.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
50 percent of teaching staff receive 10 hours of professional learning in curriculum, instructional practices and/or teaching and learning or have an approved early childhood credential or degree.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Participate in an environmental observation on a valid and reliable tool	No	No	Yes No min score	Yes Min 4.0 average	Yes Min 5.0 average
Classroom and Instructional Quality	No	No	Yes At least 8 points	Yes At least 8 points	Yes At least 8 points
Family and Community Engagement	No	No	Yes At least 2 points	Yes At least 2 points	Yes At least 2 points
Staff Qualifications and Professional Development	No	No	Yes At least 2 points	Yes At least 2 points	Yes At least 2 points
Administrative and Leadership Practices	No	No	Yes At least 2 points	Yes At least 2 points	Yes At least 2 points
All Domains	No	No	Yes Additional 7 points	Yes Additional 17 points	Yes Additional 27 points

Domains and Standards

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Standards are

The All STARS Standards are divided into four domains:

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Resources



Child Care Aware Coaches



Health and Safety



Quality



Professional Development



Training

[All STARS Family Information](#)

[Self-Reflection Tool](#)

[All STARS Provider Information](#)

[Standards of Quality](#)

[All STARS Incentives](#)

[Standards of Quality Verification Checklist](#)