



Aquatic Activities Policy

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NC Child Care Rule 10A NCAC 09 .1403 defines Aquatic Activities as activities that take place in, on, or around a body of water such as swimming, swimming instruction, wading, visits to water parks, and boating.

Preschool of the Arts has adopted the following guidelines for staff regarding aquatic activities:

- Children must have completed kindergarten to participate in aquatic activities.
- A minimum of 2 staff will always accompany any number of children during aquatic activities.
- Supervision will be maintained at all times during aquatic activities. Staff will be able to see, hear, and respond quickly to children; this will include staff being in designated places in and out of the water.
- Staff will ensure that a certified lifeguard is present during aquatic activities. Lifeguards are not counted in staff:child ratios.
- Staff will observe children individually in the water prior to engaging in aquatic activities to evaluate the child's ability to be independent in water. If the staff feel the child should wear a life preserving apparatus to participate independently, it will be up the staff's discretion to make this decision. In such cases, the parent may send a life preserving apparatus for the child to wear, the child may wear a life preserving apparatus that is provided by the venue, the child may choose not to participate or to stay in an area where they can touch the bottom of the body of water.
- Parents will always be made aware when their child will be participating in an activity that occurs in or around a body of water.