



Choosing a Curriculum:

An Easy-to-Use Checklist

- Does the curriculum address all of the ages in your group?
- Does the curriculum utilize a hands-on approach to learning?
- Is the curriculum easy-to-understand/follow?
- Is the curriculum easy to individualize/customize for different developmental levels while also allowing you to add your own ideas?
- Is the curriculum based on early childhood research?
- Is the curriculum aligned and/or approved with your state standards?
- Is the curriculum supported by training?
- Is the curriculum designed for use in a home environment? (e.g., does it use materials you have on hand?)
- Does the curriculum provide supporting materials?
- Does the curriculum help you build skills as a provider every day and in a hands-on way?
- Is the curriculum affordable?
- Does the curriculum include a mix of whole group, small group and individual experiences?
- Does the curriculum include indoor & outdoor activities?
- Does the curriculum include tools for family involvement?
- Does the curriculum recognize the diversity of families?
- Is the curriculum able to be utilized with your choice of formal child assessment tools?
- Does the curriculum help you utilize authentic assessment? (e.g., anecdotal notes)

