KANSAS CHILD CARE CENTERS

Staff-to-child ratios at a glance

Kansas's ratios and maximum group sizes for licensed child care centers. Print it, pin it up by the door.

Group	Ages	Staff : children	Max group
Infants (option 1)	2 weeks to 12 months, or older and not yet walking	1 : 3	9
Infants (option 2)	2 weeks to 12 months, or older and not yet walking	1 : 4	8
Toddlers	12 to 30 months, once walking	1 : 6	12
Two-year-olds	2 to 3 years	1 : 7	14
Preschoolers	2½ years to school age	1 : 12	24
School age	6 by September 1, to under 16	1 : 16	32

- **Mixed ages:** the youngest child sets the ratio and unit size. A unit of infants with other children under 6 is 1:6, with no more than 3 infants per adult and 12 children (6 infants) in all.
- **School age:** school-age children have their own unit, except before and after school, on in-service days, holidays, closures and breaks of up to two weeks, and in the two weeks before and after the school year.
- **Infant units** use either option 1 (1:3, up to 9 infants) or option 2 (1:4, up to 8), one of the two at a time.
- Programs licensed only for school-age children (out-of-school time) follow K.A.R. 28-4-576 to 28-4-596 instead.

Source: K.A.R. 28-4-428(a), 28-4-441(b) (amended effective August 2, 2024), read on November 24, 2026. This sheet is a summary, not legal advice: always check the current regulation and your licensing consultant.