Center or Preschool Level 4

Prior Level Requirements
- The program meets all Level 1 requirements
- The program meets all Level 2 requirements
- The program meets all Level 3 requirements

Nutrition and Physical Activity
- The program (choose ONE):
  a. Participates in CACFP, NSLP or another departmental approved CNP AND identifies and implements one nutrition goal from the completed action plan in Level 1.
  OR
  b. If exempt from CACFP, the program identifies and implements one additional nutrition goal from the completed action plan in Level 1.
- The program identifies and implements one additional physical activity goal from completed action plan in Level 1.

Professional Development
- All Teaching Staff complete 12 annual training hours of professional development.
- 60% or more of all Lead Teachers complete the applicable Early Childhood Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (EC-PBIS) training:
  a. EC-PBIS Preschool Modules 1 & 2
  b. EC-PBIS Infant/Toddler Modules 1 & 2

Leadership and Administration
- The Program Administrator meets Tier 1 (CDA or 120 EC training hours; AND 10 training hours in leadership, administration or management) or higher on the Iowa Early Care and Education Program Administrator Roles Career Pathway.
- The Program Administrator has at least 2 years of full-time experience as a Program Administrator.

Family and Community Partnerships
- The program completes one additional activity annually that promote partnerships (see Family and Community Partnership Activity Options).

Environment
- 60% or more of Lead Teachers complete the Environment Rating Scale (ERS) Training series appropriate to the age group served (choose between ITERS, ECERS, or SACERS, if applicable).
- 1/3 of classrooms complete the ERS scoresheet and improvement plan using appropriate scale (a minimum of 1 classroom per scale, if applicable).
- The program scores an average of 2.5 or higher on the Health and Safety Checklist for Early Care and Education Programs.
Teaching Staff Qualifications

☐ The average score for all Teaching Staff is 4 points on the IQ4K Teaching Staff Qualifications Worksheet.

Teaching and Learning

☐ The teaching staff use assessment data and information gathered about children and families to make changes in their learning environment and activities.

☐ The teaching staff participate in planning with families and/or outside experts, as needed, for children with diverse needs, including those with identified disabilities, dual language learners, identified behavioral needs, and/or specialized health needs.