



**Iowa Quality Rating System:  
QRS Cumulative Points**

Points are required in all five categories -- Professional Development, Environment, Health and Safety, Leadership and Administration and Family & Community Partnerships).

For those programs who have also achieved one of the three quality benchmarks identified below, the following points are automatically applied to a QRS application for a Level 3-5 rating.

<b>QRS category*</b>	<b>Head Start</b>	
FCP	Parent Advisory Board	2
FCP	Program or director is a member of a professional organization specific to age group for whom care is provided	1
FCP	At least one parent meeting is held annually.	1
FCP	Orientation provided for new parents and annual conferences are held with parents	2
LA	All staff receive yearly written evaluation	2
LA	All staff have completed professional development plans with the center's overall skill needs in mind	1
ENV	Meets NAEYC or National Afterschool Association (NAA) standards for group/class size appropriate to setting	3
ENV	Compliance with Head Start Program Performance Standards	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

<b>QRS category*</b>	<b>National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation</b>	
FCP	Orientation provided for new parents and annual conferences are held with parents (1 point each)	2
FCP	Annual parent surveys are collected and results are used to inform program practices.	2
LA	All staff receive yearly written evaluation	2
ENV	Accreditation by NAEYC, Council on Accreditation (afterschool or 8 <sup>th</sup> edition standards), or NAA	18
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

<b>QRS category*</b>	<b>Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards</b>	
LA	All staff have completed professional development plans with the center's overall skill needs in mind	1
LA	All staff receive yearly written evaluation	2
ENV	After completing Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards (IQPPS) training, completes IQPPS self-assessment and develops quality improvement plan.	3
ENV	Meets NAEYC or NAA standards for group/class size appropriate to setting	3
ENV	Program is verified by IQPPS	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

\*Key

FCP = Family and Community Partnerships

LA = Leadership and Administration

ENV = Environment

### Quality Levels 3-5

The following amounts of points are required to reach Levels 3-5.

At least one point must be earned from each category.

<b>Level</b>	<b>Points required</b>
3	17 - 26
4	27 - 33
5	Minimum of 34 points and minimum Environment Rating Scale (ERS) assessment score of 5.0 in each assessed room. The assessment must be completed by Iowa State University.

<b>Quality Rating System Achievement Bonus Schedule For Licensed Child Care Centers / DE-operated</b>				
<b>QRS Level</b>	<b>Center licensed to care for up to 25 children</b>	<b>Center licensed to care for 26-50 children</b>	<b>Center licensed to care for 51-100 children</b>	<b>Center licensed to care for more than 100 children</b>
2	\$400	\$800	\$1200	\$1600
3	\$600	\$1200	\$1800	\$2400
4	\$800	\$1600	\$2400	\$3200
5	\$1000	\$2000	\$3000	\$4000

Achievement bonuses will be paid each time the rating is re-determined or renewed. A quality rating level is in effect for two years. *Please Note:* Programs that do not increase their level at re-application will receive half the bonus amount listed above in the bonus chart.