Child Care Options - School Age Care

School-age care is care that is provided for children aged five years to 12 years of age. This type of care can be found in a public or private school setting, as well as in recreation centers, or child care centers. There is usually one director and a staff of teachers, all trained in school-age care and related activities. Group sizes are determined by state regulations, and programs are licensed by individual states. Most programs run on a school year calendar, although some may offer vacation and holiday care and/or summer programs.

School-age care is also often offered in Family Child Care homes. The care may be found along the school bus route, so that the child can take the bus to and from school to the provider's home.

School-age care can be provided in the afternoon (after school hours) and in the morning (before school begins). In some cases, transportation and meals are provided, as well.