



**EXCEEDING
QUALITY**




Quality Rating

Desert Sands Unified School District Van Buren ECE Center Head Start

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The program was rated in 2018 on the following:

 CHILD OBSERVATION	EXCEEDING QUALITY: The program evaluates children's learning and development, holds parent conferences, and uses a state-approved tool to help children learn.
 HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT SCREENING	HIGHEST QUALITY: The program uses a form recommended by pediatricians to check children's physical, social and emotional development, in addition to annual hearing and vision tests.
 TEACHER TRAINING & EDUCATION	HIGHEST QUALITY: Teachers have a Bachelor's Degree in early childhood education and development and teachers complete 21 hours of professional development annually.
 EFFECTIVE TEACHER-CHILD INTERACTIONS	HIGHEST QUALITY: The program scores higher on providing: Emotional support; An organized classroom; Consistent schedules and routines; Interactions that build vocabulary, critical thinking skills and curiosity; Lessons that include children's experiences and ideas.
 TEACHER-CHILD RATIO	EXCEEDING QUALITY: The program has 3 teachers for every 12 infants; 2 teachers for every 10 toddlers; 3 teachers for every 24 preschoolers or 2 teachers for every 20 preschoolers.
 ENVIRONMENT	ACHIEVING QUALITY: The program has been assessed on providing a safe, clean, and enriching environment and has a plan for improvements.
 DIRECTOR TRAINING & EDUCATION	HIGHEST QUALITY: The Program Director has a Master's Degree with 30 college units in early childhood education and development, 8 units of management/administration, 2 units of supervision, and completes 21 hours of professional development annually.