

**Maryland Accreditation Staff Qualifications Standards:**

| <b>Position</b>                     | <b>Early Childhood Educator Licensed Child Care/Head Start</b>  | <b>Public School Classroom Educator</b>   | <b>Assistant Teacher Licensed Child Care/Head Start</b>  | <b>Public School Assistant Teacher and/or Paraprofessional</b>   |
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| <b>Staff Qualification Standard</b> | Early Childhood Educator, responsible for the care and education of a group of children from birth through age five, must have at least an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education/Child Development or related field and must hold a Maryland Child Care Credential of level five. | Classroom Educator must have at least a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education/Child Development or related field and meet Maryland State Certification requirements for early childhood education. | Assistant Teacher working with Early Childhood Teacher must have a high school diploma and Maryland Child Care Credential of level two or higher | Assistant Teacher and/or Paraprofessional working with the Classroom Teacher must have a high school diploma and meet Maryland ParaPro requirements. |