

# WHAT IS ACCREDITATION?

Licensed child care providers meet at least minimum standards set by state and local ordinances. Providers that are accredited have met standards established by national and regional organizations. To achieve this accreditation status the program must engage in extensive self-study and be validated during a site visit by a team of trained volunteer monitors. The early childhood program agrees to act upon the commission's suggestions regarding areas of marginal compliance with the criteria and submit written reports documenting improvements and continued compliance.

\*Florida Gold Seal was instituted by the Florida legislature to pay a higher rate for a child care scholarship to providers who have met the national accreditation standards of one of the following organizations: **ACSI, ACTS, APPLE, MSAC, NACECPPP, NAEYC, NAFCC, NECPA, NAC, NSACA, SACS.**

## **\*ACSI**

Association of Christian Schools International  
727-734-7096                      [www.acsi.org](http://www.acsi.org)

## **\*ACTS**

Association of Christian Teachers and Schools  
417-862-2781

## **\*APPLE**

Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment  
800-322-2603                      [www.facm.com](http://www.facm.com)

## **\*MSAC**

Montessori School Accreditation Commission  
707-938-3818                      [www.montessori-msac.org](http://www.montessori-msac.org)

## **\*NACECPPP**

National Accreditation Council for Early Childhood Professional Personnel and Programs  
703-941-4329

## **\*NAEYC**

National Association for the Education of Young Children  
800-424-2460

## **\*NAFCC**

National Association for Family Child Care  
800-359-3817                      [www.nafcc.org](http://www.nafcc.org)

## **\*NECPA**

National Early Childhood Program Accreditation  
800-505-9878

## **\*NAC**

National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs  
800-537-1118

## **\*NSACA**

National School-Age Alliance  
617-298-5012                      [www.nsaca.org](http://www.nsaca.org)

## **NPSAG**

National Private School Association Group Private School Accreditation  
800-840-939                      [www.npsag.com](http://www.npsag.com)  
800-840-940

## **\*SACS**

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Commission on Elementary and Middle School  
353-567-3057                      [www.sacs.org](http://www.sacs.org)

## **AMI**

American Montessori International  
800-872-2643                      [www.Montessori-ami.org](http://www.Montessori-ami.org)

## **AMS**

American Montessori Society  
212-358-1250                      [www.amshq.org](http://www.amshq.org)

## **CGACS**

Church of God Association of Christian School and Day Care  
813-620-3366

## **FACCS**

Florida Association of Christian Colleges and Schools  
850-442-0065                      [www.faccs.org](http://www.faccs.org)

## **FCC**

Florida Catholic Conference  
850-222-3803                      [www.flacathconf.org](http://www.flacathconf.org)

## **FCIS**

Florida Council of Independent Schools  
813-287-2820

## **FKC**

Florida Kindergarten Council  
813-286-2997                      [www.fcis.org](http://www.fcis.org)

## **FLOCS**

Florida League of Christian Schools  
86.3-683-5726

## **FUMC**

Florida United Methodist Church  
800-282-8011 ext.141                      [www.flumc.org](http://www.flumc.org)