

OCDEL Approved Alternate Pathways to Keystone STARS Designations

Accrediting Agency	STAR Level
Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) Accreditation plus regular DHS Certificate of Compliance or PDE private academic license	STAR 3
Cognia Early Learning Accreditation plus regular DHS Certificate of Compliance or PDE private academic license	STAR 4
Head Start / Early Head Start (HS/EHS) grantee in good standing with Office of Head Start	STAR 4
Montessori Recognition (AMI) or Accreditation (AMS) by: Association Montessori Internationale (AMI/USA) Recognition or American Montessori Society (AMS) Accreditation plus regular DHS Certificate of Compliance or PDE private academic license	STAR 4
National Association of Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation plus regular DHS Certificate of Compliance or PDE private academic license	STAR 4
<i>*Only the Accreditation + Tier is recognized as a STAR 4 Alternate Pathway</i>	
National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) Accreditation plus regular DHS Certificate of Compliance or PDE private academic license	STAR 4
National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA) plus regular DHS Certificate of Compliance or PDE private academic license	STAR 4
Out of School Time (OST) Only Providers	STAR 4
School Age Child Care (SACC) Accreditation through Council of Accreditation (COA) plus regular DHS Certificate of Compliance, as appropriate	
Compliant 21st Century Community Learning Centers plus regular certificate of compliance or PDE private academic license	STAR 4