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Licensed Child Care Facilities- a child care facility that meets the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MODOHSS) Child Care Regulations for Group Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers. A child care facility does not qualify for exemption from licensure unless it is under the exclusive control of an entity qualifying for exemption under section 210.211, RSMo.

License-Exempt Child Care Facilities- programs such as nursery schools and programs operated under the exclusive control of a religious organization are license-exempt and meet the MODOHSS Child Care Regulations for License-Exempt Child Care Centers.

Exempt Child Care Facilities-programs that are operated by a school district and have received exempt status approval from the MODOHSS. There aren't Child Care Regulations for exempt child care facilities.

Per Missouri statute, school districts are exempt and must file a Program Evaluation Questionnaire ([DC-20](#)) with the MODOHSS in order to obtain an exemption assessment. Facilities that are exempt do not fall under full regulatory authority by MODOHSS Child Care Regulations and; therefore, do not have applicable State or local licensing standards.