



## Supervision Standards

This document outlines the minimum proportion of adults to minors during a youth activity, where each adult counted in the supervision ratio is screened and trained to provide supervision. This standard must be met by the group responsible for custodial care.

Supervision ratios in all Youth Activities must meet the minimum supervision ratios set through [ATCP 78.26](#) by the [Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection \(DATCP\)](#), with the exception of classroom settings.

<b>Age of YOUTH PARTICIPANTS</b>	<b>Supervision Ratio (STAFF: YOUTH PARTICIPANT)</b>
In all situations <b>Ages 6 and under</b>	1 STAFF member to every 4 YOUTH PARTICIPANTS (or fraction thereof)
In all situations <b>Ages 7 through 9</b>	1 STAFF member to every 10 YOUTH PARTICIPANTS (or fraction thereof)
In a classroom setting and transitioning between buildings <b>Ages 10 and above</b>	1 STAFF member to every 18 YOUTH PARTICIPANTS (or fraction thereof)
In all situations outside of those listed directly above <b>Ages 10 and above</b>	1 STAFF member to every 10 YOUTH PARTICIPANTS (or fraction thereof)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a single supervising STAFF member is required during time in a classroom, another STAFF member must be reachable via cell phone and respond in-person within five minutes if assistance is needed.</li> <li>• A minimum of two STAFF members are required to accompany YOUTH PARTICIPANTS on all field trips; ratios referenced above must also be maintained.</li> </ul>	

**TIP FROM OYP:** *Develop a plan to maintain ratios if staff are unable to work due to illness. Hiring extra staff or training and screening additional volunteers can help youth activities with maintaining ratios.*