List children in order by age to get decimal point values and total ratio.

Does the total Ratio exceed 1.34? (or 2.34 for two providers)?

**NO**

Does the number of children exceed the group size limit for the age of majority of the children (unless infant in group; then it must not exceed ten children)?
(e.g. 2:10 for infant)

**NO**

If all of the children are in the same age group, does the number of the children exceed the provider ratio?

**NO**

If the maximum number of children per provider, for any age group, has been reached; are there any children younger than that age group?

**NO**

You are in compliance.

**Infants 0 -17 months**
- Ratio: 1:4
- Decimal: .25
- Group Max: 10

**Toddlers 18 mths - 36 mths**
- Ratio: 1:5
- Decimal: .20
- Group Max: 15

**Preschool 3 years**
- Ratio: 1:7
- Decimal: .14
- Group Max: 20

**Preschool 4 years**
- Ratio: 1:10
- Decimal: .10
- Group Max: 25

**Preschool 5 years**
- Ratio: 1:12
- Decimal: .08
- Group Max: 30

**School Age 6 - 12 years**
- Ratio: 1:20
- Decimal: .05
- Group Max: 40

**Mixed Age Groups**
Group size must be consistent with the age of majority of the children when NO children age 0-18 months are in the group.

When children age 0-18 months are in the group, the group size may not exceed 10

**Best Practices:**
Recommend that mixed age groups, especially ones that include children under 3 years of age, should only be for the opening and closing hour of care.
The following example is with two providers:
List the children in order by age to get decimal point values and total ratio.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>DOB</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Decimal</th>
<th>Ratio</th>
<th>Group Max</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Heather</td>
<td>3/5/2012</td>
<td>22 months</td>
<td>.20</td>
<td>1:5</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Melissa</td>
<td>3/22/2012</td>
<td>20 months</td>
<td>.20</td>
<td>1:5</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Troy</td>
<td>5/23/2013</td>
<td>7 months</td>
<td>.25</td>
<td>1:4</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jeremy</td>
<td>6/7/2013</td>
<td>6 months</td>
<td>.25</td>
<td>1:4</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mike</td>
<td>6/18/2013</td>
<td>6 months</td>
<td>.25</td>
<td>1:4</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tabatha</td>
<td>7/19/2013</td>
<td>5 months</td>
<td>.25</td>
<td>1:4</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Donna</td>
<td>9/22/2013</td>
<td>2 months</td>
<td>.25</td>
<td>1:4</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sara</td>
<td>9/30/2013</td>
<td>2 months</td>
<td>.25</td>
<td>1:4</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sidney</td>
<td>10/1/2013</td>
<td>2 months</td>
<td>.25</td>
<td>1:4</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Does the total exceed 1.34 for one provider or 2.34 for two providers? **No**
Total for children = 2.15

Does the number of children exceed the GROUP MAX limit for the age of majority? **No**
Group of 9

If all of the children are in the same age group, does the number of the children exceed the provider ratio? **No**
All children are not from the same age group. 7 are from 1:4 ratio and 2 are from 1:5 ratio.

If the maximum number of children per provider for any age group, has been reached; are there any children younger than that age group? **No**

With two providers, this group can be calculated as:

**Provider 1**
Meets the ratio of 1:4 but only has a decimal point of 1.00, therefore they could add another child of a ratio of 1:5 that has a decimal point of 0.20 to equal 1.20. This does not exceed the allowable 1.34.

**Provider 2**
Meets the ratio of 1:4 but has a decimal point of 0.95 due to having 3 children of a decimal value of 0.25 at a ratio of 1:4 and has one child with a decimal value of 0.20 at a ratio of 1:5. This does not exceed the allowable 1.00 for a second provider.

Together the providers equal a decimal value of 2.15 (allowed 2.34), and the group max of the youngest child is 10 (group has 9 children). Although the ratio is 1:4 for 7 of the 9 children, because the group maximum has not been exceeded, this is still in compliance according to ND Rules and Regulations 75-03-10-08

**PLEASE NOTE:**
Best Practices recommend that mixed age groups, especially ones that include children under 3 years of age, should only be for the opening and closing hour of care.

Best Practices support a ratio of less children per staff in each age group.