

NIEER**15 Essential Elements for High Quality Preschool****ENABLING ENVIRONMENT**

- 1 Political will, including support from political leadership
- 2 A compelling vision and strong leadership from early learning leaders

RIGOROUS, ARTICULATED, EARLY LEARNING POLICIES

- 3 Well-educated and well-compensated teachers
- 4 Adult-child ratio of at least 1:11
- 5 At least a full school day
- 6 Two or more adult teaching staff in each classroom
- 7 Appropriate early learning standards for preschoolers
- 8 Effective curriculum that has systemic support
- 9 Strong supports for education of special needs children in inclusive settings
- 10 Strong supports for dual language learners

STRONG PROGRAM PRACTICES

- 11 High quality teaching
- 12 Child assessments that are appropriate and used to inform instruction
- 13 Data driven decision-making and independent evaluation
- 14 Professional development (PD) to improve individual teacher performance
- 15 Integrated system of standards, curriculum, assessment, PD, and evaluation

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