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**Department of Elementary and**  
**Secondary Education**  
**Division 50—Division of School Improvement**  
**Chapter 270—Early Childhood Education**

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**Title 5—DEPARTMENT OF  
ELEMENTARY AND  
SECONDARY EDUCATION  
Division 50—Division of School  
Improvement  
Chapter 270—Early Childhood  
Education**

**5 CSR 50-270.010 General Provisions  
Governing Programs Authorized Under  
the Early Childhood Development Act**

*PURPOSE: The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is authorized by the Early Childhood Development Act to administer a program of grants to local public school districts for the provision of early childhood screening, parent education and programs for developmentally delayed children. This rule sets forth the general provisions governing those programs. This rule incorporates by reference the Early Childhood Development Act Program Guidelines and Administrative Manual.*

*PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The secretary of state has determined that the publication of the entire text of the material which is incorporated by reference as a portion of this rule would be unduly cumbersome or expensive. This material as incorporated by reference in this rule shall be maintained by the agency at its headquarters and shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at no more than the actual cost of reproduction. This note applies only to the reference material. The entire text of the rule is printed here.*

(1) All programs and projects carried out by school districts under the Early Childhood Development Act (ECDA) shall be conducted in conformity with:

(A) The school district's annual application for district program approval under the ECDA, pursuant to applicable state laws and regulations; and

(B) The state "Early Childhood Development Act Program Guidelines and Administrative Manual," revised January 2008, which is incorporated by reference and made a part of this rule as published by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and is available at the Early Childhood Education Section, 205 Jefferson Street, PO Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480, or on DESE's Internet. This rule does not incorporate any subsequent amendments or additions. The "Early Childhood Development Act Program Guidelines and Administrative Manual" interprets state statutory requirements for the

programs and establishes program management procedures consistent with state law and practice.

(2) Any rule or interpretation of a rule promulgated by the State Board of Education in exercising its responsibilities under the statute may be waived by the assistant commissioner, Division of School Improvement, upon his/her determination that a situation exists in which the application of the rule or interpretation would work an extreme hardship upon the affected party, or would work to the detriment of the intended beneficiaries of the program.

*AUTHORITY: sections 178.691–178.699, RSMo 2000 and section 161.092, RSMo Supp. 2007.\* Original rule filed April 4, 1985, effective Sept. 3, 1985. Rescinded and readopted: Filed Feb. 27, 1992, effective Sept. 6, 1992. Amended: Filed June 29, 1995, effective Jan. 30, 1996. Amended: Filed May 29, 1998, effective Dec. 30, 1998. Amended: Filed July 28, 2000, effective Feb. 28, 2001. Amended: Filed Oct. 29, 2002, effective April 30, 2003. Amended: Filed Jan. 16, 2008, effective Aug. 30, 2008.*

*\*Original authority: 178.691–178.699, RSMo see Missouri Revised Statutes 2000 and 161.092, RSMo 1963, amended 1973, 2002, 2003.*

**5 CSR 50-270.020 Screening Under the  
Early Childhood Development Act  
(Rescinded September 6, 1992)**

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**5 CSR 50-270.030 Parent Education Under  
the Early Childhood Development Act  
(Rescinded September 6, 1992)**

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**5 CSR 50-270.040 Programs for Develop-  
mentally Delayed Children  
(Rescinded September 6, 1992)**

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