

Required Documentation for ABC, HS, EHS, and school district operated programs

Documentation must be uploaded into the ELS portal with the Better Beginnings application. Save all documents on your computer. When you save them, use the following information in the name of the document: the name of your child care center, the license number, and the name of the form. Example: Pretty Good Preschool #12346, Staff Training Record.

Arkansas Better Chance (ABC)

Full reciprocity based on the most recent ERS assessments

- Upload the most recent ERS CQI reports* (from the current or previous school year)

Early Head Start (EHS)

Full reciprocity based on the most recent ERS assessments

- Upload the most recent ERS CQI reports* (within the last 12 months)

Head Start (HS)

Full reciprocity for Level 4

- No additional documentation required

Full Reciprocity for Levels 5 & 6 based on the most recent assessment

- Upload the most recent ERS CQI reports* or CLASS report

Arkansas School Districts

Non-ABC, HS, or EHS facilities owned by an Arkansas school district or Educational Cooperative receive full reciprocity based on the most recent ERS

- Upload the most recent ERS CQI reports

Facilities operated on a school campus that are privately owned must meet all Better Beginnings requirements.

Facilities with classrooms that are not ABC, Head Start, or Early Head Start classrooms under the same license are required to have an ERS assessment within 12 months prior to the application date.

When prompted, upload each document individually in the ELS portal, and select the Document Type from the drop-down menu provided. If the document type isn't listed, select other.

