Lead teachers. (1) Lead teachers may be employed to be in charge of a child or a group of children.
(2) The lead teacher must have the understanding, ability, physical health, emotional stability and good judgment to meet the needs of the children in care.
(3) Lead teachers must:
   (a) Be eighteen years of age or older;
   (b) Have one year experience in school-age care;
   (c) Have a TB test as required under WAC 170-297-1750;
   (d) Have a background clearance as required under chapter 170-06 WAC;
   (e) Have current CPR and first-aid certification as required under WAC 170-297-1825;
   (f) Complete HIV/AIDS training and annual bloodborne pathogens training as required under WAC 170-297-1850;
   (g) Have a high school diploma or equivalent;
   (h) Complete basic STARS training within three months of assuming the position of lead teacher;
   (i) Complete ongoing training hours as required under WAC 170-297-1800;
   (j) Have a food worker card, if applicable; and
   (k) Attend an agency orientation as required under WAC 170-297-5800.
(4) Lead teachers are counted in the staff-to-child ratio.
(5) When the site coordinator is off-site or unavailable, lead teachers may assume the duties of site coordinator when they meet the site coordinator minimum qualifications, and may also serve as child care staff when the role does not interfere with management and supervisory responsibilities.