



Center Licensing Inspection Full Report

All licensed child care programs are inspected at least once each year. Non-compliances are documented and grouped as Serious, Moderate or Low risk violations. Documenting statements and supplemental information may be included in this report. Licensing inspection reports from the previous three years can be viewed on the child care website at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/CDC/childcare.stm>. This includes complaint investigation reports with substantiated allegations. For any other child care records, please contact the Child Care Help Desk at 1-877-302-2347, option 4.

Program Details			
Program Name LITTLE DISCOVERERS STEM ACADEMY, LLC	Program Number 000000100301	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 1027 Vernon Odom BLVD Akron OH 44320		County SUMMIT	
Summary of Program Information			
Building Approval Date 11/29/2018	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 54	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 01/27/2022	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 07/18/2022	Begin Time 9:00 AM	End Time 3:00 PM
Reviewer: TONYA JOHNSON		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 12	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 1	No. Low Risk 13

License Capacity and Enrollment at the Time of Inspection				
Age Group	License Capacity	Enrollment		
	Totals	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Infant (Birth to < 18 m)		10	0	10
Young Toddler		3	0	3
Total Under 2 ½ Years	19	13	0	13
Older Toddler		7	0	7
Preschool		18	0	18
School Age		0	6	6
Total Capacity/Enrollment	54	25	6	44

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	Age Group/Range	Ratio Observed	Comment



infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 2	arrival
infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	diaper change
infant	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 3	arrival/teacher answered door without children.
toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 7	diaper change
toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 7	nap
preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	breakfast
preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	lunch
preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	nap

Summary of Non-Compliances

If the program is star rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited. Ohio Administrative Code 5101: 2-12-03 details the process for submitting a request for a review if a program disagrees with a licensing finding. The request for review must be submitted within seven days from the receipt of the licensing report.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision

Code: The program staff is required to supervise children in their assigned group by sight and hearing. Supervision includes being near enough to respond and reach children immediately and protecting them from harm.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that children were left unattended while inside the program as noted in number 1 below:

1. Children were left unattended when the teacher left the classroom to answer/open the front door and when a teacher left to retrieve drinking water.
2. Children were left unattended more than once (toddler room and preschool room).



3. Child(ren) left the group and were unattended.
4. Child care staff were using a baby monitor to supervise children.
5. Child care staff were using a walkie talkie to supervise children.
6. Child care staff were using mirrors to view children in another room.
7. Child care staff were using a video camera instead of physically being present in the room.
8. Other [].

Children must be supervised and within sight and hearing of a child care staff member at all times. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/19/2022

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Code: The program is required to provide nonskid rugs and correct any floor hazard that may be unsafe.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program had an area rug that did not have a nonskid backing in the preschool room in that the rug could cause a child to slip and fall. A walking surface that is not hazardous to children must be maintained at the program. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment

Code: The program is required to use straps on equipment that is manufactured with straps.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the following equipment was not used according to manufacturer's guidelines as noted in number 2 below:



1. The straps were missing on the [].
2. The straps were attached, but were not used on the high chair used after a diaper change.
3. The straps were attached and were used, but were not used in a safe manner.
4. Manufacturer's guidelines for the [] were not followed in that [].

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that training has been provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/19/2022

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements

Code: The program is required to serve age-appropriate fluid milk or obtain written documentation when serving substitutions for fluid milk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that required documentation for substitutions for fluid milk was not on file as noted in number 3 below:

1. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when infants up to 12 months of age are served anything other than formula or breast milk.
2. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when infants and toddlers 12 months of age up to 24 months of age are served anything other than unflavored whole homogenized vitamin D fortified cow's milk, breast milk, or non-cow milk substitution that is nutritionally equivalent to milk.
3. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when toddlers and children 24 months of age and older are served anything other than unflavored one per cent milk that is vitamin A and D fortified, unflavored fat free or skim milk that is vitamin A and D fortified, or non-cow milk substitutions that are nutritionally equivalent to milk in that 2% milk was used.
4. Written parental consent for non-cow milk substitutions that are nutritionally equivalent to milk for children 12 months of age and older.
5. The program did not have the type of milk on-site to ensure that all children were served age-appropriate fluid milk.

Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.



Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5101:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements

Code: The program is required to obtain parental permission before children participate in water and swimming activities.

Finding: In the review of the program's records, it was determined that written permission from the parent had not been secured before a swimming or water activity as defined in number 1 below:

1. When water is directly accessible to children.
2. A child swims or plays in water eighteen inches or more in depth.
3. A child participates in activities in or on water eighteen inches or more in depth.
4. Infants and toddlers use wading pools.
5. Written permission was not updated annually for on-going activities.

Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection

Code: The program is required to have staff complete the online staff orientation training.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that child care staff member had not completed the online orientation training as noted in number 1 below:

1. Within 30 days of starting employment at the program as a child care staff member.
2. No documentation of completing the training after December 31, 2016.
3. Completion of the training was not verified in the OPR.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/19/2022

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection



Code: The program is required to have staff complete the online staff orientation training before they are permitted to have sole responsibility of children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that Child Care Staff Member listed on the Employee Record Chart had sole responsibility of children and had not completed the online orientation, as required by this rule. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements

Code: The program staff is required to have educational verification on file at the program or in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that verification of a high school education was not on file nor verified in the Ohio Professional Registry for Child Care Staff Member listed on the Employee Record Chart, as required. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the verification of a high school education, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/19/2022

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement

Code: The program staff medicals are required to be completed and on file at the program.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined a completed medical examination statement for the employees listed on the Employee Record Chart was not on file, as required by this rule. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed employee medical statement, to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/19/2022



Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements

Code: The program is required to have a designated employee that has access to all records and handles emergencies in charge if the administrator is absent.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the role of the designee did not meet the requirements as noted in number 1 below:

1. Have access to all records in that staff files were not accessible until the administrator arrived.
2. Handle all emergencies.

Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications

Code: The program administrator is required to complete the rules course review within the defined time period.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the administrator had not completed the required rules review course provided by this Department for program administrators within the time period defined in this rule by December 2021. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements

Code: The program is required to have all child care staff members complete training in child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention within sixty days of hire. Staff must complete training in first aid and CPR within the first ninety days of hire.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one child care staff member had not completed required health and safety training as noted in numbers 4,5 below:



1. Child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was not completed within sixty days of hire.
2. First aid training was not completed within ninety days of hire.
3. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training was not completed within ninety days of hire.
4. The child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was expired.
5. The first aid training was expired.
6. The CPR training was expired.

Refer to the Employee Record Chart for the names of the child care staff members who must complete the required health and safety trainings. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records

Code: The program is required to use the updated JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care".

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that information had not been secured from the parent/guardian on the JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care", as required, for the items in numbers 10,11,12,13,15 below.

1. No enrollment form was completed for at least one child
2. The current JFS 01234 was not completed for at least one child
3. Complete child information
4. Complete parent information
5. Complete emergency contact information
6. Complete physician information
7. Information regarding the parent list
8. Health information
9. Additional information for all boxes checked "yes"
10. Emergency transportation information
11. Parent/guardian's signature
12. Diapering Statement
13. Acknowledgement of Policies and Procedures
14. Enrollment form for at least one child was not updated by either the parent or the administrator
15. Enrollment form for at least one child was not signed by the administrator
16. Other []

Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.



Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5101:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records

Code: The program is required to have a completed medical on file at the program for each child enrolled.

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that completed medical statements were not on file, as required, for children listed on the JFS Children's Record Review For Child Care as indicated in numbers 1,2,6,8 below:

1. No medical was on file for at least one child
2. Medicals on file was not updated every 13 months
3. Medical(s) were missing child's name and date of birth
4. Medical(s) were missing the date of the medical examination
5. The date of the exam was more than 13 months prior to the date the form was signed.
6. Medicals were missing a statement that the child has been examined and is in suitable condition for participation in group care
7. Medical(s) were missing the signature, business address and telephone number of the physician, physician's assistant(PA), advance practice nurse (APN) or certified nurse practitioner (CNP) who examined the child
8. Medicals were missing a record of immunizations the child has had specifying month, day and year
9. Medical(s) were missing a statement from the physician, PA, APN, or CNP that the child has been immunized or is in the process of being immunized against the diseases required by division 5104.014 of the Revised Code and found in appendix A to this rule
10. Medical(s) were missing a statement from the child's parent or guardian that he or she has declined to have the child immunized against the disease for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions
11. Other []

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	
5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	
5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	
5101:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	
5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: No changes have been made to the written policies and procedures since it was last approved by this Department.
5101:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: An annual safety check of the vehicle, using the JFS 01230 "Vehicle Inspection Report For Child Care Centers" form, was verified and dated 5.9.22.
Rule: 5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, weekly safety inspections and/or monthly emergency exiting drills were completed and documented, as required using the ODJFS sample form.



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	
5101:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	
5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	
5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	
5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	
5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: No changes have been made to the written disaster plan since it was last approved by this Department.
5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	
5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	
5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	
5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	
5101:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	
5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	
5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	
5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	
5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	
5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	