



Family Child Care 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://ifs.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 ESSENTIAL LEARNING ACADEMY		Program Number 000000205323	
Address 142 KINSEY AVENUE			County HAMILTON
CINCINNATI OH 45219			
<i>Building and Fire Approvals apply to Type A Family Child Care Homes only</i>			
Building Approval Date	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 10/28/2025			

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Compliance		Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 01/15/2026		Begin Time 8:52 AM	End Time 10:33 AM
Reviewer: Jacob Downard			
Summary of Findings			
No. Rules Verified 66	No. Rules with Non-compliances 4	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 0
			No. Low Risk 4

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)		1	0	1
Young Toddler		0	0	0
Total Under 2 Years	12	1	0	1
Older Toddler		8	0	8
Preschool		1	0	1
School Age		8	0	8
Total Capacity/Enrollment	12	17	0	18

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection			
Group	Age Group/Range	Ratio Observed	Comment
1/15/2026	Mixed Age Group	3 to 8	



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Summary of Non-Compliances

If a program disagrees with a licensing finding, the program may request a review of the finding(s). Ohio Administrative Code 5180:2-12-03 and 5180:2-13-03 detail the process for submitting a request for review. The request for review must be submitted within seven business days from the receipt of the licensing report. In addition, if the program is star rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

No Moderate Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-13-12 Pets

Code: The program is required to properly care for pets and prevent any threat to the safety or health of the children by the pet.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined pets at the program were missing items as noted in number 5 below:

1. The animal's cage was dirty with feces.
2. The aquarium was unclean.
3. The litter box was dirty with feces.
4. A pet posed a threat to the safety of a child in that [].
5. A pet requiring a license did not have a current license.
6. Proper inoculation records were not on file at the program for a pet requiring inoculations.
7. Children were exposed to the pet's urine and/or feces.
8. Other [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 02/15/2026

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-13-17 Programming

Code: The program is required to have a daily schedule posted in a visible place.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the daily schedule did not account for all 24 hours the program was open. Correct the violation and submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 02/15/2026

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-13-22 Fluid Milk

Code: The program is to ensure that children are served age-appropriate fluid milk.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that the program did not have the type of milk on-site to ensure that all children were served age-appropriate fluid milk requirements. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule. Program should have whole milk onsite- Vitamin A, Vitamin D, or 1% milk.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 02/15/2026

Domain: 09 Children's Files



Rule: 5180:2-13-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records

Code: The program is required to have a completed JFS 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information for Child Care" on file on the premises for each child.

Findings: In review 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 number 3, 4, 11, 15, 14, 8, 10, 5, 12, 13 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 []

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 02/15/2026

Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Voluntary Temporary Closure	Compliant	
5180:2-13-02 License Visible	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-02 Change of Location	Compliant	
5180:2-13-02 Information in OCLQS	Compliant	
5180:2-13-02 Provider Medical	Compliant	
5180:2-13-02 Type A Ownership	Compliant	
5180:2-13-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
5180:2-13-04 Building Inspections for Type A Homes	Compliant	
5180:2-13-04 Fire Inspections for Type A Homes	Compliant	
5180:2-13-07 Provider Responsibilities	Compliant	
5180:2-13-07 Staff Records	Compliant	
5180:2-13 Written Policies and Procedures	Compliant	
5180:2-13-08 Employee Requirements	Compliant	

Rule 5180:2-13-08 Child Care Staff Requirements	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-13-08 Whistle Blower	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-13-09 Background Checks	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-13-10 Professional Development	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-13-10 Health Training	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Equipment	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-13-11 Outdoor Space	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-13-11 Fall Zone	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-13-12 Safe Equipment	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule 5180:2-13-12 Safe Environment	Status Compliant	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

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5180:2-13-13 Handwashing	Compliant	
5180:2-13-13 Clean environment and equipment	Compliant	
5180:2-13-13 Toothbrushing	Compliant	
5180:2-13-14 Driver Requirements	Compliant	
5180:2-13-14 Requirements for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	
5180:2-13-14 Ratio and Supervision for Field and Routine Trips	Compliant	
5180:2-13-13 Smoke Free	Compliant	
5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Inspections	Compliant	
5180:2-13-14 Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	
5180:2-13-15 Health Conditions	Compliant	



5180:2-13-15 Child Records Retention and Confidentiality	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 First Aid Kit/Standard Precautions	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Communicable Diseases	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Incident/Injury	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-18 Group Size and Ratios	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-18 Attendance	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 School Age Supervision	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Sleep and Nap Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-20 Crib and Playpen Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-21 Sanitary Environment and Hygiene	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Meals and Snacks	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-22 Food Handling	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-23 Diapering	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-25 Medication Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-11 Indoor Space	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-24 On-site Pools	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-24 Swimming Sites	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-13-24 Parent Permission for Swimming	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-13-08 Review Policies and Procedures	Compliant	