



## 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 TOWER EDUCATIONAL LEARNING CENTER	Program Number 000000300486	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 2936 WOOD AVENUE LORAIN OH 44055		County LORAIN	
Inspection Information			
Building Approval Date 06/25/2013	Use Group/Code E	Occupancy Limit 154	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 05/07/2025	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 02/24/2026	Begin Time 8:15 AM	End Time 12:40 PM
Reviewer: MARY WOODLAND		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 5	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 1	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)		0	0	0
Young Toddler		0	0	0
<b>Total Under 2 ½ Years</b>	0	0	0	0
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		2	1	3
School Age		0	47	47
<b>Total Capacity/Enrollment</b>	123	2	48	50

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

Preschool	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 1	8:15a
Preschool	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 2	11a
Preschool	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 2	12p-Lunch

### 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

#### Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-19 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(s) 1 below:

1. Child(ren) were left unattended once.
2. Child(ren) were left unattended more than once.
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: 03/26/2026

### Low Risk Non-Compliances

#### Domain: 06 Program Information

Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures

Code: The program is required to obtain written parental permission before leaving the premises and retain the forms for at least one year from the date of the trip. Routine trip permission forms must be updated annually.

Finding: In review of the program's records, it was determined that requirements for written permission from the parent/guardian for a field trip or routine trip were not met as listed in number(s) 4; 9 below:

1. Written parental permission was not secured for field trips and/or routine trips off the premises.
2. The written permission was missing the child's name.
3. The written permission was missing the date(s) of the trip(s) (field trips only).
4. The written permission was missing the destination(s) of the trip(s).
5. The written permission was missing the departure and return time(s) of the trip(s) (field trips only).
6. The written permission was missing the signature of the parent.
7. The written permission was missing the date on which the permission was signed.
8. The written permission was missing a statement notifying parents how their child will be transported.
9. Permission forms for routine trips were not being updated annually.
10. Written parental permission forms for field trips and/or routine trips were not being maintained on file for at least one year from the date of the trip.
11. 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: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements

Code: The program administrator is required to maintain current employee records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined employment records in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) were not created or maintained as noted in number(s) 5; 6 below:

1. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member (including substitutes) had not created a profile.
2. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not created an employment record for the program on or before their first day of employment.
3. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not updated changes to positions or roles within five calendar days of the change.
4. The administrator had not assigned at least one employee or child care staff member to the program's organization dashboard.
5. At least one individual's schedule was not current.
6. At least one individual's position or role did not include an applicable group assignment.
7. At least one individual's employment had not been end dated.
8. Other: [ ]

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/26/2026

**Domain: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 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 number(s) 2; 3 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 name(s) of the child care staff member(s) who must complete the required health and safety training(s). Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/26/2026

**Domain: 09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 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 number(s) 5; 10; 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 [ ]

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.

**Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified**

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	
5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	
5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Please Note: Documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations must be secured for the program. Secure a new fire inspection by 5/7/26.
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: CKNL-DDZRED and 3/1/26.
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	
5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	
Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All Child Care Staff Members had verification of educational requirements on file at the program.
5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	
Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the required documentation regarding background checks was on file for all employees listed.
Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, all child care staff members had completed the required amount of professional development training.
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The quarterly playground inspections were completed and documented, as required. The most recent inspection report form was dated 2/17/26.
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The outdoor play space and equipment were not viewed during this inspection due to snow covering; however, the requirements were discussed.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The protective surfaces under the outdoor equipment were not viewed during this inspection due to snow covering; however, the requirements were discussed.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The driver(s) had completed the required ODJFS driver training.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: An annual safety check of the vehicle(s), using the JFS 01230 "Vehicle Inspection Report For Child Care Centers" form, were verified for the Chevy Express Bus JVB5009 VIN 4477; Chrysler Pacifica VIN 7580; Chevy Express Bus JSW3466 VIN 2957; Chevy Express Bus HGE9554 VIN 8499 and dated 6/27/25; 12/18/25; 6/17/25; 6/17/25.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had current information on the medical status and the required treatment plan for the children with health conditions.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 01299 "Incident/Injury Report For Child Care" forms reviewed during this inspection were complete as required.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	
5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The rest area had adequate lighting, which allowed for the visual supervision of children.
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	
5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	