

Complaint Inspection Summary Report

All licensed early care and education programs are inspected at least once each year. Non-compliances are documented and grouped by risk level. Documenting statements, technical assistance provided and supplemental information may be included in this report. Licensing inspection reports from the previous three years can be viewed on the Department of Children & Youth website at <https://childcaresearch.ohio.gov/>. This includes complaint investigation reports with substantiated allegations. For any other early care and education records, please contact the Family and Customer Support Center at 1-844-234-5437.

Program Details		
Program Name Early Steps Learning Center	Program Number 000000300561	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1601 DRENIK DRIVE #2-4 WICKLIFFE OH 44092		County LAKE

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Complaint	Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 08/03/2026	Begin Time 9:00 AM	End Time 9:45 AM	Reviewer: Jennifer Bartlebaugh

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 6	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 1		No. Requirements Compliant 5
No. Serious Risk 1	No. Moderate Risk Findings 0	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 0	No. Technical Assistance Provided 0

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	Age Group/Range	Ratio Observed	Compliance	Comment
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 9		Arrival Ratio- 9:00AM
Infant	Mixed Age Group	2 to 4		Arrival Ratio- 9:00AM Infant & Toddler classrooms combined.
Toddler	Mixed Age Group	0 to 0		Arrival Ratio- 9:00AM

				Infant & Toddler Classroom Combined.
School-age-Homeroom	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 5		Arrival Ratio- 9:00AM

Complaint Allegations

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, 5180:2-13-03, 5180:2-19-10 and 5180:2-20-02 detail the process for submitting a request for review. The request for review must be submitted within ten business days from the receipt of the licensing report. In addition, if the program is Step Up To Quality rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious or moderate risk non-compliance is cited.

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision

Code: The program staff are not permitted to leave children unattended.

Allegation: The alleged rule violation was a child was unsupervised and not within sight and hearing of a child care staff member at all times outdoors.

Determination: Substantiated

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not supervised while outside the program. The following was observed:

Based upon the investigation, the alleged rule violation was able to be substantiated due to information obtained. A thorough investigation was conducted, including child care staff member interviews and documentation review.

During the investigation, it was determined that a child left the playground unsupervised and was walking away from the program and a community member brought the child back.

Rule 5180:2-12-03 requires the program to notify parents when a serious risk non-compliance is cited. The notification must inform parents of the serious risk non-compliance and include the Department of Children and Youth website and location of further information regarding the determination. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that training was provided and a copy of the written parent notification, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Risk Level: Serious

Summary of Non-Compliances

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Serious Risk Non-Compliances

A serious risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

No serious risk non-compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

A moderate risk non-compliance is a licensing rule violation that has the potential to lead to an increased risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

No moderate risk non-compliances were observed during this inspection

Other Non-Compliances

This section includes other rule violations that are observable and/or based on facts.

No other non-compliances were observed during this inspection

