

## Licensing Inspection Full 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<br>Excell Early Learning Center            | Program Number<br>000000306167 | Program Type<br>Child Care Center |
| Address<br>3031 MONTICELLO CLEVELAND HTS<br>OH<br>44118 | County<br>CUYAHOGA             |                                   |

| Inspection Information        |                          |                                         |                                  |
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| Inspection Type<br>Annual     | Inspection Scope<br>Full | Inspection Method<br>On-site Inspection | Inspection Notice<br>Unannounced |
| Inspection Date<br>09/23/2026 | Begin Time<br>10:30 AM   | End Time<br>2:45 PM                     | Reviewer:<br>RENADA FITCH        |

| Summary of Findings             |                                            |                                        |                                        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| No. Requirements Verified<br>67 | No. Requirements with Non-compliances<br>4 | No. Requirements Compliant<br>56       |                                        |
| No. Serious Risk<br>0           | No. Moderate Risk Findings<br>0            | No. Other Non-compliance Findings<br>4 | No. Technical Assistance Provided<br>6 |

| 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                                             |                  | 8          | 0         | 8     |
| <b>Total Under 2 ½ Years</b>                              | 24               | 18         | 0         | 18    |
| Older Toddler                                             |                  | 4          | 0         | 4     |
| Preschool                                                 |                  | 26         | 0         | 26    |
| School Age                                                |                  | 12         | 0         | 12    |
| <b>Total Capacity/Enrollment</b>                          | 100              | 42         | 0         | 60    |

| Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection |                          |                |               |          |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------|
| Group                                        | Age Group/Range          | Ratio Observed | Compliance    | Comment  |
| Infants                                      | 0 to < 12 months         | 2 to 5         | In Compliance | 10:30 am |
| Infants                                      | 0 to < 12 months         | 2 to 6         | In Compliance | 1:52 pm  |
| Toddlers                                     | 18 months to < 30 months | 1 to 3         | In Compliance | 11:20 am |
| Toddlers                                     | 18 months to < 30 months | 1 to 3         | In Compliance | 1:49 pm  |
| PS 1(older todds)                            | 18 months to < 30 months | 1 to 6         | In Compliance | 1:51 pm  |
| PS 1(older todds)                            | 18 months to < 30 months | 1 to 5         | In Compliance | 11 am    |
| PS 2                                         | 3 years to < 4 years     | 1 to 7         | In Compliance | 1:50 pm  |
| PS 2                                         | 3 years to < 4 years     | 1 to 7         | In Compliance | 11:10 am |
| PreK/ SA                                     | 4 years to < 5 years     | 1 to 10        | In Compliance | 10:48 am |
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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, 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.*

#### 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 a great risk of harm to a child and is observable and/or based on facts.

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### Other Non-Compliances

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

#### **Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance

Requirement: The program staff shall use developmentally appropriate techniques when managing children's behavior. Corporal punishment is prohibited, as well as any cruel, harsh, unusual or extreme techniques.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a child care staff member used a discipline technique to guide or discipline child(ren) that was not developmentally appropriate, consistent, or occurred at the time of the incident. 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: 10/23/2026

#### **Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: The program is required to provide an environment that protects the children in care from any items and conditions that may threaten their health, safety, and well-being.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not protected from item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well-being.

The following was observed: small easels were not anchored, and a cabinet that was in disrepair.

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Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have all staff and children wash their hands as outlined in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that handwashing requirements were not followed as required in rule.

The following was observed: an older infant did not wash their hands after being diapered.

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Corrective Action Plan Due: 10/23/2026

**Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Equipment and Environment

Requirement: The program is required to not block pathways or exits with furniture or materials while the children are resting, napping, and/or sleeping.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the placement of cots or mats in the PreK nap room did not meet the requirements.

The following was observed: some of the cots were spaced directly touching other cots during nap.

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#### Technical Assistance Provided

This section documents technical assistance provided to the program when the program demonstrated an overall level of compliance with a rule requirement.

##### **Domain: 08 Staff Files**

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

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

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined employment records are missing or incomplete in the OPR as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

##### **Domain: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection

Requirement: The program is required to have staff complete the online staff orientation training. Additionally, the training must be completed before they are permitted to have sole responsibility of children.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the employee's orientation is not complete as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

##### **Domain: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Staff Immunization Records

Requirement: The program is required to have every employee provide immunization records.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined verification of staff immunization was not on file as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

#### **Domain: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Staff TB Screening Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have every employee provide evidence of tuberculosis (TB) screening prior to the first day of employment.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined verification of TB screening was not on file as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

#### **Domain: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to ensure child care staff members, including substitutes used more than ninety days annually, obtain at least 6 hours of professional development each state fiscal year.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined staff did not complete professional development as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

#### **Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures

Requirement: The program's policies and procedures are required to include all topics outlined in rule.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program's policies and procedures handbook does not contain all items as required. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

#### **In Compliance/Not Verified/Previously Verified/Not Applicable**

This section documents rule requirements that were assessed as fully compliant, previously verified, not verified during this inspection or not applicable to the program.

| <b>Rule</b>                   | <b>Status</b> | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-18 License Capacity | Compliant     |                                                |

| <b>Rule</b>                  | <b>Status</b> | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-02 License Visible | Compliant     |                                                |

| Rule                                 | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                        | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                               | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 10/21/26.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Although the program had documentation of a current fire inspection without any uncorrected violations at the time of the licensing inspection, the program did not have the fire inspection completed within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection without any uncorrected violations. Please ensure that fire inspections are completed in accordance with the rule requirements. |

| Rule                                   | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                           | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension | Not Applicable |                                         |

| Rule                                      | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                                          | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements | Compliant |                                         |

| <b>Rule</b>                                           | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements            | Compliant      |                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Rule</b>                                           | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements             | Compliant      |                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Rule</b>                                           | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements                | Compliant      |                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Rule</b>                                           | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements               | Compliant      |                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Rule</b>                                           | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>                                                                    |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment             | Compliant      | Documenting Statement: Outdoor equipment was viewed to be safe and free of rust, sharp points, and other hazards. |
| <b>Rule</b>                                           | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones                  | Compliant      |                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Rule</b>                                           | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment                           | Compliant      |                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Rule</b>                                           | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment       | Compliant      |                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Rule</b>                                           | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment                   | Compliant      |                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Rule</b>                                           | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures | Not Applicable |                                                                                                                   |

| Rule                                              | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements | Not Applicable |                                         |

| Rule                                               | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements | Not Applicable |                                         |

| Rule                                        | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                 | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-15 Child Health Care Plans | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                                  | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                        | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                 | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment | 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 Ratio | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                                       | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-18 Group Size                                    | Compliant      |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Rule                                                       | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-19 Supervision                                   | Compliant      |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Rule                                                       | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                                    |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records                      | Compliant      | Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were observed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and documenting each child's departure. |
| Rule                                                       | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-22 Meal Preparation and Nutritional Requirements | Compliant      |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Rule                                                       | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care                    | Not Applicable |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Rule                                                       | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation            | Compliant      |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Rule                                                       | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements                       | Compliant      |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Rule                                                       | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care                             | Compliant      |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Rule                                                       | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage                    | Compliant      |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Rule                                                       | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                                    |
| 5180:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements        | Not Applicable |                                                                                                                                                            |
| Rule                                                       | Status         | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable                                                                                                                    |

5180:2-12-16 Emergency Postings

Compliant

| <b>Rule</b>                                         | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills                       | Compliant      |                                                |
| <b>Rule</b>                                         | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-21 Mobile Preschools                      | Not Applicable |                                                |
| <b>Rule</b>                                         | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-02 Current Information                    | Compliant      |                                                |
| <b>Rule</b>                                         | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-02 Amendments to the License              | Compliant      |                                                |
| <b>Rule</b>                                         | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Practices           | Compliant      |                                                |
| <b>Rule</b>                                         | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-15 Child Immunization Records             | Compliant      |                                                |
| <b>Rule</b>                                         | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-15 Child Enrollment Records               | Compliant      |                                                |
| <b>Rule</b>                                         | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-15 Child Record Requirements              | Compliant      |                                                |
| <b>Rule</b>                                         | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices | Compliant      |                                                |
| <b>Rule</b>                                         | <b>Status</b>  | <b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b> |
| 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Placement                      | Compliant      |                                                |

| Rule                           | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-22 Specialized Diets | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                                   | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training - Practices | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                                       | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-23 2026 Diapering and Toilet Training - Supplies | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                                  | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Administration Practices | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                       | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Documentation | Compliant |                                         |

| Rule                                 | Status    | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Storage | Compliant |                                         |