



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 THE PREMIER SCHOOL	Program Number 000000400163	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 1221 HILL RD PICKERINGTON OH 43147		County FAIRFIELD	
Building Approval Date	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 03/19/2025	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 03/13/2026	Begin Time 9:00 AM	End Time 12:50 PM
Reviewer: Andrea Clark		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 13	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 0	No. Low Risk 15

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)		7	0	7
Young Toddler		13	0	13
Total Under 2 ½ Years	52	20	0	20
Older Toddler		6	0	6
Preschool		74	0	74
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	126	80	0	100

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

Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 5	Arrival @ 9:05 AM.
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 10	Nap/ departure ratio @ 12:45 PM.
School Age	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 9	Arrival @ 9:05 AM.
Pre-K	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 11	Arrival @ 9:05 AM.
Toddler 2	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 7	Arrival @ 9:05 AM.
Toddler 1	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 7	Arrival @ 9:05 AM.
Infant 2		0 to 0	Combined into Infant 1.
Infant 1	0 to < 12 months	2 to 5	Arrival @ 9:05 AM. - combined with Infant 2.

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: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment

Code: The program is required to use equipment, that is safe and hazard free, according to the manufacturer's guidelines. Fans, air conditioners, heat pumps, and space heaters must be inaccessible to children. The program is required to refrain from using trampolines, ball pits and inflatable equipment intended for climbing and bouncing, including but not limited to slides and bounce houses.

Finding: During the inspection, equipment was determined to be unsafe, hazardous to children, or in need of repair as noted in number(s) 17 below:

1. Manufacturer's guidelines for the [] were not followed in that [].
2. The straps were missing on the [].
3. The straps were attached, but were not used on the [].
4. The straps were attached and were used, but were not used in a safe manner.
5. The equipment had sharp points or corners.
6. The equipment had splinters.
7. The equipment had protruding nails.
8. The equipment had loose or rusty parts.
9. The equipment had paint which contains lead or other poisonous materials.
10. The equipment had hazardous features.
11. A fan was unstable and could easily tip over.
12. A fan had openings a finger could enter.
13. The pipes from the heat pump felt hot to the touch
14. A space heater felt hot to the touch
15. The position of a space heater was a tripping hazard
16. The air conditioning unit was not enclosed and was accessible to children on the playground.
17. A ball pit, trampoline, inflatable bounce house, inflatable slide, or inflatable equipment used for climbing and bouncing was used.
18. Other [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/12/2026

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Code: 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 as noted in number(s) 6 below:

1. Surge protectors/outlets did not have childproof receptacle covers.
2. Open pull cords that are not closed loop.
3. Toys or other items small enough to be swallowed were present in the space where infants and/or toddlers were in care.
4. Electrical/extension cords attached to an object that would not likely result in a severe injury if pulled.
5. Stacked chairs.
6. Employee(s) purse(s).
7. Diaper bags.
8. Television not securely anchored.
9. Small or lightweight pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
10. Smoke detector needing batteries replaced.
11. An area rug did not have a nonskid backing.
12. An area rug presented a tripping hazard.
13. A floor surface that was unsafe in that [].
14. No platform was provided for the sink or toilet in the [] classroom.
15. The platform provided for the sink or toilet in the [] classroom was not sturdy.
16. The platform provided for the sink or toilet in the [] classroom posed a safety hazard in that [].
17. Telephone cords.
18. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
19. Emergency exits were blocked by the following classroom furniture: [].
20. A mercury thermometer was being used to take a child's temperature.
21. Methods of ventilation used did not provide protection from rodents, insects, or other hazards.
22. Other [].

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: 04/12/2026

Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Code: 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: Children in care shall be protected from any items and conditions which threaten their health, safety, and well-being. During the inspection, it was determined that at least one area of the program or at least one piece of equipment had chipping or peeling paint. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/12/2026

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment

Code: The program is required to have enough equipment for all children in care.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that equipment and materials in the following categories were not provided in sufficient quantities for children in the Toddler 1, Infant 2, Preschool & Pre-K. classroom, as required: 1, 3, 4, 7 & 8.

1. Art supplies (excludes infants)
2. Manipulative materials and equipment
3. Blocks
4. Science-nature equipment (excludes infants)
5. Language arts and auditory materials and equipment
6. Pretend or dramatic play materials
7. Music equipment
8. Transportation materials and equipment
9. Gross motor equipment
10. Sensory motor equipment
11. School age children were not provided sufficient equipment and materials in at least five of the first nine categories above.

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: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment

Code: The program is required to provide equipment that does not pose a safety risk and must follow the manufacturer's guidelines for assembling, installing and using the equipment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that outdoor play equipment was unsafe or not used as intended as noted in number(s) 9 & 20 below:

1. There was rust exposed.
2. There were protruding bolts.
3. There were cracks.
4. There were holes.
5. There was splintering wood.
6. There were sharp edges or points.
7. There were lead hazards.
8. There were toxic substances.
9. There were tripping hazards. (barrier under mulch exposed)
10. There was chipped and/or peeling paint.
11. The sandbox was not covered when the program was closed or during non-daylight hours.
12. Outdoor equipment, [], was not developmentally appropriate.
13. Outdoor equipment, [], was placed in the main traffic pattern.
14. Outdoor play equipment, [], was positioned too closely together, posing a risk of injury if a child were to fall from one piece of equipment into another.
15. Outdoor equipment, [], was not securely anchored but did not present a risk of imminent danger of the structure collapsing when children are using the equipment
16. Outdoor equipment, [], was 30 inches or more from the ground and did not have a protective barrier that would prevent a child from falling off this piece of equipment.
17. The manufacturer's guidelines for assembly and installation were not followed for the [].
18. Functionally linked equipment was used by preschool-age children and the distance between two adjacent pieces of equipment exceeded 12 inches.
19. Functionally linked equipment was used by school-age children and the distance between two adjacent pieces of equipment exceeded 18 inches.
20. Broken cars on Toddler playground.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/12/2026

Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions

Code: The program is required to have a first aid kit onsite.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined first aid kit(s) at the program had missing, or expired, items that are required by appendix A of this rule to be contained in a first aid kit, as noted in number(s) 9 below:

1. The program did not have a first aid kit [onsite, on the vehicle, on a field trip].
2. One roll of hypoallergenic first-aid tape.
3. Individually wrapped sterile gauze squares in assorted sizes.
4. Sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes.
5. Tweezers.
6. Gauze rolled bandage.
7. Triangular bandage.
8. Rounded end scissors.
9. Tooth preservation system or fresh chilled liquid milk in which to transport a lost permanent tooth, including a written reference indicating location of the refrigerator/freezer where milk is stored if a tooth preservation system is not part of the first aid kit (for programs serving school age children only).
10. A working digital thermometer.
11. Disposable non-latex gloves.
12. A working flashlight.
13. An instant cold pack that has not been activated or ice, including a written reference indicating location of the refrigerator/freezer where the ice is stored if an instant cold pack is not part of the first aid kit.
14. Sealable leak-proof plastic bags in assorted sizes or double bagged plastic bags that can be securely tied for materials soiled with blood or bodily fluids.
15. Pocket mask or face shield, appropriate for all ages of children in care, for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) administration.
16. Soap or waterless sanitizer (field trip or transporting away from the program only).
17. Bottled water (field trip or transporting away from the program only).

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: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation

Code: The program is required to obtain written instructions from parents regarding feeding their infant.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that written instructions for feeding the infants noted on the Children Record Review were missing information as noted in number(s) 1 & 5 below:

1. Written instructions were not on file.
2. Type of food and/or formula/breast milk was missing.
3. Amount of food and/or formula/breast milk was missing.
4. Feeding times or frequency of feedings was missing.
5. The written instructions on file had not been updated.

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: 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements

Code: The program staff is required to have educational verification on file at the program.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that verification of a high school education for the child care staff member(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart, did not meet the requirements as listed in number(s) 1 below:

1. Verification of completion of a high school education was not on file.
2. Documentation was incomplete or not on file for a high school junior or senior who is enrolled in a career-technical program.
3. Documentation was not on file for a high school junior or senior who is also enrolled in a college credit program in child development or early childhood education.
4. Documentation was not on file for a high school junior or senior who is enrolled in a Child Development Associate (CDA) training program.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the education verification, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/12/2026

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement

Code: The program staff's medical statements are required to be completed and on file at the program.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that the medical statements for the employees listed on the Employee Record Chart did not meet the requirements as listed in number(s) 1 below.

1. A medical statement was not on file for at least one employee;
2. The medical statement(s) on file did not have a date of examination within 12 months of the employee's first day of employment;
3. Date of examination was missing;

4. Signature, business address, or telephone number of the licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, certified midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who completed the examination was missing;
5. A statement was missing that verifies the employee is:
 - a. Physically fit for employment in a program caring for children;
 - b. Immunized against Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap);
 - c. Immunized against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR);
6. Tuberculosis (TB) screening/test information was missing:
 - a. Documentation of the screening process to determine if the employee resided in a country identified by the world health organization as having a high burden of TB and arrived in the United States within the five years preceding the date of application for employment.
 - b. Results of a TB test for employees meeting both criteria in 6a.
 - c. Results of additional testing for employees with a positive TB test.
 - d. Written statement, signed by a representative of the TB control unit, that the employee's TB is no longer infectious or the individual is receiving a TB treatment regimen for employees with a positive TB test.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed employee medical statement, or TB results/documentation, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Domain: 08 Staff Files

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

Code: 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.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that child care staff member(s) did not meet the requirements for completing the online orientation training as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. The training was not completed within 30 days of starting employment at the program as a child care staff member.
2. Documentation of completing the training after December 31, 2016 was not on file.
3. Completion of the training was not verified in the OPR.
4. A child care staff member had sole responsibility of children and had not completed the online orientation.

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: 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, 5 & 6 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.

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Domain: 08 Staff Files

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

Code: 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.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one child care staff member did not meet the annual professional development requirement as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. The child care staff member(s) had not completed at least six hours of professional development.
2. Documentation did not demonstrate the person who provided the training met the trainer qualifications as stated in the rule.
3. Training topic did not meet the requirements listed in appendix A of this rule.
4. Documentation of training did not meet the requirements of this rule.
5. The substitute(s) had been used more than ninety days annually between July first and June thirtieth and had not completed at least six hours of professional development
6. Other [].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/12/2026

Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 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 number(s) 1,2 & 8 below:

1. No medical was on file for at least one child
2. Medical(s) 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. Medical(s) 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. Medical(s) 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/12/2026

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) 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14 & 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: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan

Code: The program is required to train child care staff members and employees on the written disaster plan annually and keep written documentation of the training on-site.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written disaster plan did not meet the requirement for training child care staff members and employees on the plan annually as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. Child care staff members and employees were not trained annually.
2. Written documentation of the training was not kept on file.

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
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	
5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	
5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	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
5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	
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 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
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	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
5180:2-12-20 Cribs	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	
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	
5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	
5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Compliant	