

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 AJ'S LEARNING CENTER	Program Number 000000401263	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1704 SCHROCK COLUMBUS OH 43229	County FRANKLIN	

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 08/13/2026	Begin Time 9:15 AM	End Time 5:00 PM	Reviewer: Megan Welford
Inspection Date 08/13/2026	Begin Time 9:15 AM	End Time 5:00 PM	Reviewer: Barbara Smith

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 63	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 10	No. Requirements Compliant 46	
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 0	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 11	No. Technical Assistance Provided 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)		15	0	15
Young Toddler		3	0	3
Total Under 2 ½ Years	43	18	0	18
Older Toddler		10	0	10
Preschool		32	0	32
School Age		0	55	55
Total Capacity/Enrollment	93	42	55	115

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	Age Group/Range	Ratio Observed	Compliance	Comment
PreK	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	In Compliance	1230p- naptime
PreK	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 8	In Compliance	915a- arrival
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 2	In Compliance	915a- arrival
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	In Compliance	1235p- nap time
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 8	In Compliance	1230p- naptime
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 2	In Compliance	915a- arrival
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 7	In Compliance	1230p- naptime
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 5	In Compliance	915a- arrival
School Age	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 1	In Compliance	915a- arrival
School Age	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 7	In Compliance	1230p

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.

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.

Domain: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-12-02 Current Information

Requirement: The rule requires the program to keep the list of individuals who are legal business owners current in the system.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined an individual listed as a legal business owner, as defined in section 5104.03 of the Revised Code, has not created and been to the program in the Ohio statewide licensing system within thirty days. Log into the Ohio statewide licensing system to complete and submit the updated information. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/13/2026

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: 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 (preschool) 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: 09/13/2026

Domain: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Postings

Requirement: The program is required to post the fire and weather plans.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the fire and/or weather alert plans did not meet the requirement of the rule.

The following was observed: Fire alert plan, including a diagram indicating evacuation routes. Weather alert plan was missing a diagram indicating evacuation routes.

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

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Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Postings

Requirement: The program is required to post emergency phone numbers.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that emergency phone numbers were not posted, readily in view in each classroom and other spaces used by the children.

The following was observed: • Emergency squad number was missing • Hospital number was missing • Police department number was missing • Fire department number was missing • Poison control number was missing • Public children's services agency (PCSA) number was missing • Local health department number was missing • Local emergency management agency (EMA) number was missing

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Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from trash and foreign objects.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the outdoor play space was not free of conditions that pose a risk of harm to children.

The following was observed: Debris on playground due to maintenance in playground area/fence.

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

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Domain: 04 Indoor/Outdoor Space

Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play

Requirement: The program is required to provide daily outdoor play for all children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that daily outdoor play was not provided for the center.

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Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal Preparation and Nutritional Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to label individual bottles of water with each child's name.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that individual bottles of water were not labeled with each child's name. 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: 5180:2-12-08 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.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that the tuberculosis (TB) screening for 2 of 20 employees, including child care staff members, did not meet the requirement.

The following was observed: A TB screening was not on file prior to the first day of employment.

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

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Domain: 09 Children's Files

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Immunization Records

Requirement: The program is required to have complete child immunization records on file.

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that complete child immunization records were not on file, as required, for children listed on the DCY Children's Record Review for Child Care.

The following was observed: • Immunization record(s) were not on file at the center within thirty days of the child's first day of attendance • Immunization record(s) were not updated no more than every thirteen months

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Requirement: The program is required to have a completed and updated DCY 01234 "Child Enrollment and Health Information For Child Care" or equivalent form on file for each child enrolled.

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 DCY 01234 "Child Enrollment Form for Early Care and Education Programs" or equivalent form as required.

The following was observed as missing: Complete child information and Enrollment form for at least one child was not updated by either the parent or the administrator

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

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Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

Requirement: The program is required to have an emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP).

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP) did not meet the requirement or was missing the information.

The following was observed as missing: Mental or dental emergencies, including emergency transportation

Make the necessary revisions to the EPRP. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the revised information, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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The following was observed as missing: Complete child information and Enrollment form for at least one child was not updated by either the parent or the administrator

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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: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills

Requirement: The program is required to complete fire drills, weather drills, and emergency/lockdown drills appropriately.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined drills are not conducted or are not correctly documented (missing July 2026 fire and emergency weather drill). Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care

Requirement: The program is required to provide a daily written record for each infant in care to the parents when picking up the infant each day.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the infant daily sheet/daily sheet is incomplete. 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 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements

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

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the employee's education document verifying completion of high school education is not complete or on file as required (Vocational information missing). 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 (• Social media policy including, but not limited to, addressing publication of child photos or other identifying information, if applicable. • Usage of emergency medical devices and emergency medications, including but not limited to Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and Naloxone, if applicable.) 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.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Not Verified	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 License Visible	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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: 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
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Not Verified	Documenting Statement: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks did not meet the requirements of the rule for the person(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart, this was cited on the complaint inspection on the same day.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-10 Professional
Development Requirements

Compliant

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space
Requirements

Compliant

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment

Compliant

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones

Compliant

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment

Compliant

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and
Environment

Compliant

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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5180:2-12-13 Handwashing
Requirements

Compliant

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free
Environment

Compliant

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field
Trip Procedures

Not Applicable

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver
Requirements

Not Applicable

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle
Requirements

Not Applicable

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
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Health Care Plans	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, there were no children currently enrolled who had health conditions.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 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	Not Verified	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for keeping an attendance record consistently completed, this was cited on

the complaint inspection on the same day.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	
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
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Not Verified	
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
5180:2-12-21 Mobile Preschools	Not Applicable	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Staff Immunization Records	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Amendments to the License	Not Applicable	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Child Record Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Equipment and Environment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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
5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training - Practices	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 2026 Diapering and Toilet Training - Supplies	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Administration Practices	Compliant	Documenting Statement: There were no children on medication at the time of the inspection; however, the method of storage and practices for the administration were reviewed.
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	