Department of Children & Youth

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 Portage Collaborative Montessori School	Program Number 1000019083	Program Type Pre School
Address 1000 55th St NE Canton OH 44721		County STARK

Organization Name: Canton City	Org IRN: 043711	Site IRN: 123026

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 11/04/2026	Begin Time 10:00 AM	End Time 2:45 PM	Reviewer: KATHLEEN BONACCI

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 69	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 3		No. Requirements Compliant 53
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 0	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 3	No. Technical Assistance Provided 1

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Room 161 AM	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 21	In Compliance	10:15 am Circle - Story
Room 161 PM	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 22	In Compliance	12:30 PM Circle
Room 154 AM	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 20	In Compliance	10:25 AM Circle

				Snack (parent provided)

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

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Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37-04 Preschool Staff Member Medical Statement

Requirement: This rule requires any individual who may have an assigned schedule with a preschool child (or group) or may be used to count in ratio to have evidence of a signed medical statement on file on or before the first day of employment.

Finding: During the inspection and review of staff files, it was determined medical statements for the individuals used to count in ratio listed on the Employee Record Chart did not meet the requirements in that a statement verifying the individual is free of communicable disease and fit to work with children was missing . Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the medical statement, to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/06/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37-04 Preschool Staff Member Orientation Training

Requirement: The program is required to have individuals who have an assigned schedule with a child or group of children or may be used in ratio complete the online staff orientation training within 30 days of the individual's start date.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that 1 of 5 individuals used in ratio or who have an assigned schedule with a preschool child or group did not meet the requirements for completing the online orientation training in that the training was not completed within 30 days of the individual's start date. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/06/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37-04 Health and Safety Training

Requirement: The rule requires the program to ensure staff members complete required health and safety trainings.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one individual counted in ratio or left alone with children had not completed required health and safety training in that, the individual(s) have not completed a current age appropriate course in CPR from an approved provider; the individual(s) have not completed a current age appropriate course in first aid from an approved provider. Refer to the Employee Record Chart for the name(s) of the

individual(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: 12/06/2026

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: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5180:2-20-03 Parent Notification and Participation Policies

Requirement: The program's parent handbook is required to include all topics outlined in rule.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program's parent handbook did 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.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-02 Education Management Information System Reporting	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-02 Current Information	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-02 License Posted	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The license was posted in a conspicuous location and visible to the public as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-02 License Capacity	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-02 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-05 Building Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-05 Fire Inspection	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-05 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program reported the outdoor play space is regulated by Health Department .

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-03 Sleeping and Napping	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180-37-04 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-05 Sanitary Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The environment, furniture, materials, and equipment were kept in a sanitary condition at all times.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180-37-04 Group Size	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The group sizes observed on the day of the inspection were in compliance.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180-37-04 Supervision	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Preschool staff members were supervising the children and were able to intervene as needed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-08 Attendance Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-10 Child Guidance	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Appropriate child guidance and behavior management techniques and practices were observed being used during the inspection.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-05 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A safe environment was observed during the inspection. Children were protected from items and conditions which could threaten their health, safety and well-being.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-05 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-06 Cots and Mats	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-06 Safe Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-06 Sanitary Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the equipment was observed to be clean.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-07 Handwashing	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-05 Emergency Phone Numbers	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-06 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-05 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-02 Serious Incident Reporting	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-08 Parent Notification of Incidents/Injuries	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180-37-04 Emergency Drills	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Documentation for completed fire drills, rapid dismissals, tornado drills, and school safety drills was verified during this inspection.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-09 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Snacks offered at the program included foods from two of the five food groups and provided nutritional value in addition to calories.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-06 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program had complete first aid kits available as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-11 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The DCY 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" was posted and was readily available to staff and parents.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-03 Written Curriculum Adopted and Aligned	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-03 Daily Schedule	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-09 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-03 Progress Reports and Teacher Conferences	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-05 On-site Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-07 Swimming and Water Safety Permission Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-07 Off-site Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-05 Infant/Toddler Space	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-06 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-20-12 Diapering Practices	Not Applicable

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-09 Infant Food and Formula	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Preschool Director Qualifications	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Preschool Director Responsibilities	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180-37-04 Preschool Staff Member Education	Compliant	Documenting Statement: All preschool staff members had verification of educational requirements on file at the program.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Staff Non-Discrimination	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180-37-04 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the required documentation regarding background checks was on file for all employees listed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Professional Development and In-service Training	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-07 Medication Documentation	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program had complete written documentation for administering medication, topical products or medical foods.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-07 Medication Administration Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-07 Medication Storage	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Medication was stored Nurse's Office.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-08 Child Immunization Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, 25% of the children's records were reviewed, and the immunization records were complete, as required by the rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-10 Written Child Guidance Policy	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-08 Child Cumulative Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, 25% of the children's records were reviewed, and the cumulative records were complete, as required by the rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-08 Child Health Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, 25% of the children's records were reviewed, and the child health records were complete, as required by the rule.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-08 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-03 Written Program Philosophy and Goals	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-07 Operating Policies and Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-07 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, documentation that the program had adopted a written safety plan in accordance with section 5502.262 of the Ohio Revised Code and filed it with the Ohio School Safety Center was verified.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-08 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-11 Written Management of Communicable Disease Policy	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-02 Amendments to the License	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
ORC 3301.531 Preschool Staff Member TB Screening	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-09 Specialized Diets	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-06 Cribs - Placement	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-12 Diapering Supplies	Not Applicable	