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 Rising Stars Academy	Program Number 1250032438	Program Type Pre School
Address 2878 Maysville Pike Zanesville OH 43701		County MUSKINGUM

Organization Name: Muskingum Valley ESC	Org IRN: 125252	Site IRN: 022115

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 11/04/2026	Begin Time 10:40 AM	End Time 2:45 PM	Reviewer: STEPHANIE WALTERS

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 69	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 7		No. Requirements Compliant 59
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 3	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 5	No. Technical Assistance Provided 0

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Infants	0 to < 12 months	1 to 8	Out of Compliance	12:50
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 8	In Compliance	10:40
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 10	In Compliance	10:40

Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 10	In Compliance	12:50

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.

Domain: **00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5180:2-20-05 Fire Inspection

Requirement: The program is required to obtain a fire inspection annually, within 12 months from the previous fire inspection.

Finding: During the inspection, documentation of a current fire inspection was not on file. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes an updated fire inspection, to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/05/2026

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180-37-04 Ratio

Requirement: The program must maintain the required staff to child ratio at all times for each group served. Ratios may only be doubled during nap or rest time when all of the children in the group are at least 19 months of age.

Finding: During the inspection, staff to child ratios were doubled during nap or rest time for a group that contained a child under the age of 18 months. 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: 12/05/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-20-06 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices

Requirement: The program staff is required to remove any items that are a potential strangulation or suffocation risk when children are in cribs.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a child had been placed in a crib with a blanket for infant under twelve months old that created a potential strangulation or suffocation risk. The rule prohibits any item which obstructs child-care staff's visibility or poses a risk of strangulation or suffocation from being placed on or in a crib. Remove the item(s) immediately. 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: 12/05/2026

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 Education

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 the ratio is obligated to have evidence that they have a high school diploma, GED or high school equivalency.

Finding: During the inspection and review of staff files, individuals used in ratio did not have documentation of a high school diploma or equivalent on file and available for review. 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: 12/05/2026

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 3 of 7 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: 12/05/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-20-08 Child Health Records

Requirement: The program is required to secure and have on file required information by the first day of attendance for all children.

Finding: In review of 25% of the children's records, it was determined that child health record information was incomplete in that name(s) and phone number(s) of dentist in case of emergency were missing. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/05/2026

Domain: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-20-07 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

Requirement: The program is required to train staff on the emergency preparedness and response plan annually.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's emergency preparenedness and response plan (EPRP) did not meet the requirement for training preschool staff members and employees on the plan annually. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/05/2026

Domain: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-20-07 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

Requirement: The program is required to have a written emergency preparedness and response plan that contain all of the topics outlined in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP) did not meet the requirement or was missing information. The following was observed as missing: the plan was not provided to all preschool staff and employees 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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/05/2026

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.

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
5180:2-20-02 License Posted	Compliant	

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 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-03 Sleeping and Napping	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Group Size	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Supervision	Compliant	

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

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

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	Compliant	

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
5180:2-20-09 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-06 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	

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

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	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-12 Diapering Practices	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-09 Infant Food and Formula	Compliant	

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
5180-37-04 Preschool Staff Member Medical Statement	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Health and Safety Training	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-03 Parent Notification and Participation Policies	Compliant	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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	Compliant	

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	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-06 Cribs - Placement	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-12 Diapering Supplies	Compliant	