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 | | |
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| Program Name<br>Little Learners | Program Number<br>2170016316 | Program Type<br>Child Care Center |
| Address<br>1421 Demorest Road Columbus<br>OH<br>43228 | | County<br>FRANKLIN |

| 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>11/03/2026 | Begin Time<br>11:00 AM | End Time<br>1:50 PM | Reviewer:<br>Jada Hightower |

| Summary of Findings | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. Requirements Verified<br>67 | No. Requirements with Non-compliances<br>8 | | No. Requirements Compliant<br>56 |
| No. Serious Risk<br>0 | No. Moderate Risk Findings<br>1 | No. Other Non-compliance Findings<br>7 | No. Technical Assistance Provided<br>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) | | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Young Toddler | | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| **Total Under 2 ½ Years** | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 |
| Older Toddler | | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Preschool | | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| School Age | | 14 | 0 | 14 |
| **Total Capacity/Enrollment** | 27 | 29 | 0 | 34 |

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| Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Group** | **Age Group/Range** | **Ratio Observed** | **Compliance** | **Comment** |
| Preschool | 3 years to < 4 years | 1 to 7 | In Compliance | Arrival 11:00 AM (PS & School age combined) |
| Preschool | 3 years to < 4 years | 1 to 5 | In Compliance | Departure 1:50PM (Nap) (Preschool/School age combined) |
| Infant/Toddler | 12 months to < 18 months | 1 to 5 | In Compliance | Arrival 11:00AM |
| Infant/Toddler | 12 months to < 18 months | 1 to 5 | In Compliance | Departure 1:50PM (Nap) |

## 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: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection

Requirement: The program is required to have all spaces used for child care inspected by the fire department or the state fire marshal's office prior to serving children. The program is required to obtain a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection. If violations are noted during the inspection, the program is required to have all violations corrected and have the program re-inspected to obtain a completed fire form.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for fire inspection.

The following was observed: an updated fire inspection was not completed

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes an updated fire inspection without any uncorrected violations, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/03/2026

## Other Non-Compliances

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

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

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment

Requirement: The program is required to provide equipment and materials that are easy to clean.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that at least one piece of equipment, furnishings, or material at the program was not constructed of materials to facilitate cleaning.

The following was observed: the surface was cracked (couch in school age)

Equipment, furnishings, and furniture shall be constructed of materials to facilitate cleaning. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirement of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/03/2026

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

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: at least one staff/child did not wash their hands after each diaper change or pull-up change

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/03/2026

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

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

Requirement: The program is required to provide enough cots or mats for each child in attendance to be assigned their individual cot/mat. Cots and mats must be firm, resilient, and in good condition.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that cots or mats did not meet the requirements.

The following was observed: cots were sagging.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/03/2026

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

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment

Requirement: The program is required to refrain from placing indoor swings, slides, climbers, and climbing apparatus directly over a hard surface. Shock absorbent protective covering, intended to be a fall surface per manufacturer's guidelines, shall be placed and used under the equipment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that indoor swings, slides, climbers, and climbing apparatus did not have required shock absorbent protective covering under and around the equipment.

The following was observed: a shock absorbent protective covering was not used.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/03/2026

**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.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/03/2026

**Domain**: **05 Health & Safety**

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

Requirement: The program is required to post the current weekly menu in a noticeable location that is accessible to parents and note any substitutions at the time of the change.

Finding:  During the inspection, it was determined that the program's weekly menu did not meet the requirement .

The following was observed: the menu was not currently dated.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/03/2026

**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.

Finding:  During the inspection, it was determined that the required drills were not completed.

The following was observed as not being complete: monthly fire drills (September & October); monthly weather emergency drills (September).

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 12/03/2026

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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 First Aid/Standard Precautions

Requirement: The program is required to have all the required items in the first aid kit.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program's first aid kit did not contain appropriate materials 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: 05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease

Requirement: The program is required to post the DCY 08087 "Ohio Communicable Disease Chart".

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the current Communicable Disease chart is not posted 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 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. 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.

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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.

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## 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 | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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 Food Service Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: PR0041132-PT00390003 Exp: 3/1/27 |
| Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The off-site food processing establishment's current Ohio Department of Agriculture registration information was observed during the inspection. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension | Compliant | |

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

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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 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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| Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The protective material used under outdoor equipment was mulch. |

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: A notice was observed posted stating that smoking is prohibited at the program. |

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

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: An annual safety check of the vehicle(s), using the DCY 1230 “Vehicle Inspection Report” form, was verified and dated 9/17/26. |

| 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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| 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 |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-16 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 |
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| 5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play | Compliant |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-18 Ratio | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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 |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements | Not Applicable |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-21 Mobile Preschools | Not Applicable | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-02 Current Information | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-02 Amendments to the License | Compliant | |

| 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 Immunization Records | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-15 Child Enrollment Records | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-15 Child Record Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-08 Staff TB Screening Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Placement | Compliant | |

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

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

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