



## 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 Little Explorers Academy	Program Number 2220026134	Program Type Child Care Center	
Address 2768 S. Hamilton RD Columbus OH 43232		County FRANKLIN	
Building Approval Date	Use Group/Code	Occupancy Limit	Maximum Under 2 ½
Fire Inspection Approval Date 03/07/2022	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Provisional	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 01/31/2023	Begin Time 9:30 AM	End Time 1:00 PM
Reviewer: BEVERLY JAMES		

Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 57	No. Rules with Non-compliances 7	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 2	No. Low Risk 8

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)		11	0	11
Young Toddler		5	0	5
<b>Total Under 2 ½ Years</b>	25	16	0	16
Older Toddler		4	0	4
Preschool		14	0	14
School Age		0	13	13
<b>Total Capacity/Enrollment</b>	60	18	13	47

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



Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	arrival
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 5	
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 3	arrival
Infant	0 to < 12 months	2 to 6	
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 6	arrival
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 10	

**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 5101:2-12-03 and 5101:2-13-03 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**

**Domain: 02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5101:2-12-12 Safe Environment  
Code: The program is required to store chemicals and machinery in a place that is inaccessible to children. The program is required to provide an outdoor play area away from machinery in operation.

Finding: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous item or toxic substance was used or stored in kitchen where children had access to it, as noted in number(s) 2 below.

1. Bleach.
2. Cleaning agent. (Fabuloso in Kitchen.)
3. Fish tank chemicals.
4. Gasoline.
5. Pesticide.
6. Poison, including insect/rodent poison.
7. Flammable substance.



8. Windshield washer fluid.
9. Aerosol cans.
10. A lawn mower.
11. A weed trimmer.
12. Hedge trimmers.
13. A snow blower.
14. Other potentially hazardous substance, equipment or machinery: [ ].

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the potentially hazardous substance or item is no longer accessible to children and/or children will not be outside when machinery is in use and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/02/2023

**Domain: 08 Staff Files**

**Rule:** 5101:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements

**Code:** The program is required to have staff update their background checks every five years as required.

**Finding:** In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks were not updated every five years for the individual(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart as noted in number(s) 3 below:

1. Owner
2. Administrator
3. Child care staff member, employee

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/02/2023

**Low Risk Non-Compliances**

**Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision**

**Rule:** 5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping



**Code:** The program is required to have child sleep only on cots/mats.

**Finding:** During the inspection, it was determined that a child was sleeping as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. On the floor. (Toddler room)
2. At the table.
3. On a bean bag chair.
4. On a couch or chair.
5. Other [ ].

Children shall be provided a cot or mat to rest, nap, or sleep. 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 required at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/02/2023

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

**Rule:** 5101:2-12-12 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 children were not protected from the following item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well-being as noted in number(s) 5 below:

1. Open pull cords that are not closed loop.
2. Telephone cords.
3. Electrical/extension cords attached to an object that would not likely result in a severe injury if pulled.
4. Stacked chairs.
5. Employee(s) purse(s). (unlocked room in PS room.)
6. Diaper bags.
7. Television not securely anchored.
8. Small or lightweight pieces of shelving units are not securely anchored to the wall.
9. Smoke detector needing batteries replaced.
10. Staff member stepped over a barrier/gate while holding a child.
11. Emergency exits were blocked by the following classroom furniture: [ ].
12. 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: 03/02/2023



**Domain: 05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements

Code: The program is required to serve age-appropriate fluid milk or obtain written documentation when serving substitutions for fluid milk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that required documentation for substitutions for fluid milk was not on file as noted in number(s) 3 below:

1. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when infants up to 12 months of age are served anything other than formula or breast milk.
2. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when infants and toddlers 12 months of age up to 24 months of age are served anything other than unflavored whole homogenized vitamin D fortified cow's milk, breast milk, or non-cow milk substitution that is nutritionally equivalent to milk.
3. Written instructions from a licensed physician, physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner when toddlers and children 24 months of age and older are served anything other than unflavored one per cent milk that is vitamin A and D fortified, unflavored fat free or skim milk that is vitamin A and D fortified, or non-cow milk substitutions that are nutritionally equivalent to milk.
4. Written parental consent for non-cow milk substitutions that are nutritionally equivalent to milk for children 12 months of age and older.
5. The program did not have the type of milk on-site to ensure that all children were served age-appropriate fluid milk.

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 required at this time.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/02/2023

**Domain: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection

Code: The program is required to have staff complete the online staff orientation training before they are permitted to have sole responsibility of children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that Child Care Staff Member(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart had sole responsibility of children and had not completed the online orientation, as required by this rule. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.



Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/02/2023

**Domain: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection

Code: The program is required to have staff complete the online staff orientation training.

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

1. Within 30 days of starting employment at the program as a child care staff member.
2. No documentation of completing the training after December 31, 2016.
3. Completion of the training was not verified in the OPR.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/02/2023

**Domain: 09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration

Code: The program is required to have medication, medical foods and topical products labeled with the child's name.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a medication, medical food or topical product was at the program which had not been labeled with the 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: 03/02/2023

**Domain: 09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration



**Code:** The program staff is required to obtain signed written permission prior to administering topical products and lotions other than hand sanitizer to be used by children older than twenty-four months and lip balm.

**Finding:** During the inspection, it was determined the program did not obtain signed written permission from the parent prior to administering topical products and lotions, other than hand sanitizer to be used by children older than twenty-four months and lip balm. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 03/02/2023

**Domain: 09 Children's Files**

**Rule:** 5101:2-12-15 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) 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.

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**Rules In-Compliance/Not Verified**

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-02 License Posted	Compliant	
5101:2-12-02 Current Information	Compliant	
5101:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Please Note: Documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations must be secured for the program. Secure a new fire inspection by 3/7/23.
Rule: 5101:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: 9945004 Exp 3/1/23.
5101:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable





5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Not Verified	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
Rule: 5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The quarterly playground inspections were completed and documented, as required. The most recent inspection report form was dated 1/11/23.
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Compliant	
5101:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	
5101:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	
5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	
5101:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans	Compliant	
5101:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	
5101:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Compliant	
5101:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	
5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-20 Cribs	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	
5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	
5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	
5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	
5101:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Compliant	