



## 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 08/28/2023	Food Service Risk Level Level III		

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Provisional	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 10/24/2023	Begin Time 7:30 PM	End Time 9:00 PM
Inspection Date 10/24/2023	Begin Time 2:00 PM	End Time 5:15 PM
Reviewer: BEVERLY JAMES		
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Summary of Findings				
No. Rules Verified 58	No. Rules with Non-compliances 6	No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk 2	No. Low Risk 6

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)		7	0	7
Young Toddler		7	0	7
<b>Total Under 2 ½ Years</b>	25	14	0	14
Older Toddler		2	0	2
Preschool		10	0	10
School Age		0	14	14



<b>Total Capacity/Enrollment</b>	60	12	14	40
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<b>Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection</b>			
<b>Group</b>	<b>Age Group/Range</b>	<b>Ratio Observed</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	arrival
Infant	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	
Infant	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 3	Toddlers in infant room. Evening ratio
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	snack
Toddler	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	arrival nap
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 6	arrival
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 2	PS and SA in PS room evening ratio
School Age	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 7	arrive on bus from school
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 7	snack

**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.*

<b>Serious Risk Non-Compliances</b>
<b>No Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection</b>

<b>Moderate Risk Non-Compliances</b>
<b>Domain: 01 Ratio &amp; Supervision</b>
<b>Rule: 5101:2-12-19 Supervision</b>



Code: The program staff is required to supervise children in their assigned group by sight and hearing. Supervision includes being near enough to respond and reach children immediately and protecting them from harm.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that children were left unattended while inside the program as noted in number(s) 1,3,8 below:

1. Child(ren) were left unattended once. (Toddler teacher left children in restroom to grab items from toddler room.)
2. Child(ren) were left unattended more than once.
3. Child(ren) left the group and were unattended. (Toddler children walked to restroom while toddler teacher was still in room.)
4. Child care staff were using a baby monitor to supervise children.
5. Child care staff were using a walkie talkie to supervise children.
6. Child care staff were using mirrors to view children in another room.
7. Child care staff were using a video camera instead of physically being present in the room.
8. Other (Preschool teacher was in restroom with child with back to the children in classroom and door half shut. Teacher is in a wheel chair and it appeared difficult for her to turn around properly due to limited space in restroom.) ( Infant teacher was sitting in chair in play area while all infants were in sleeping space.)

Children must be supervised and within sight and hearing of a child care staff member at all times. 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: 11/24/2023

**Domain: 07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5101:2-12-20 Cribs

Code: The program is required to place infants in cribs while sleeping.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the equipment in number(s) 8 below had been used for sleeping infants and did not allow the infant to sleep on a firm mattress:

1. Mesh cribs;
2. Play pens;
3. Bassinets;
4. Cots;
5. Car seats;
6. Infant swing;
7. The floor;
8. Infant seats; (bouncy seat.)
9. An infant placed in a car seat in a crib;
10. Other [ ].



Infants must be provided with a crib, which meets requirements specified in this rule, for resting and sleeping. Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that staff training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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### Low Risk Non-Compliances

#### 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 at least one area of the program or at least one piece of equipment had chipping or peeling paint. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule. (School Age, PS)

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/24/2023

#### Domain: 05 Health & Safety

Rule: 5101:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements

Code: 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 as noted in number(s) 5 below.

1. The menu was not posted.
2. The posted menu was not in a visible place readily accessible to parents.
3. The menu was not currently dated.
4. The entire menu was substituted.
5. At least one item on menu did not match what was served.



6. The meal or snack served did not match the posted menu.

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: 11/24/2023

**Domain: 06 Program Information**

Rule: 5101:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care

Code: The program is required to collaborate with parents to develop bedtime routines for children. The program must follow the bedtime routine.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that children's bedtime routines did not meet the requirement as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. The bedtime routine was not developed in collaboration with parents.
2. The bedtime routine was not followed.

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: 11/24/2023

**Domain: 06 Program Information**

Rule: 5101:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care

Code: The program is required to provide adequate lighting in the room where children sleep and outdoors in the parking area, walkways, and entrances.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that adequate lighting was not provided as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. Lighting was inadequate outdoors in the parking area/walkway/building entrances.
2. Child care staff were not able to see children due to inadequate lighting in the [ ] room.

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: 11/24/2023



**Domain: 06 Program Information**

Rule: 5101:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care

Code: The program is required to have a written security plan, limiting the access to the program to only parents/guardians of children in care and authorized persons.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program did not provide a written security plan that ensures that access to the program is limited to parents and guardians of children in care and authorized persons. The plan shall ensure that children are supervised at all times during the limited access hours. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the written security plan, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/24/2023

**Domain: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5101:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements

Code: The program administrator is required to maintain current employee records in the Ohio Professional Registry.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined employment records in the Ohio Professional Registry (OPR) were not created or maintained as noted in number(s) 3 below:

1. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member (including substitutes) had not created a profile.
2. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not created an employment record for the program on or before their first day of employment.
3. At least one administrator, employee or child care staff member had not updated changes to positions or roles within five calendar days of the change.
4. The administrator had not assigned at least one employee or child care staff member to the program's organization dashboard.
5. At least one individual's schedule was not current.
6. At least one individual's position or role did not include an applicable group assignment.
7. At least one individual's employment had not been end dated.
8. 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 8/28/24.
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: 9971424 Exp 3/1/24.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



5101:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5101:2-12-09 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
5101:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
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 10/5/23.
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Compliant	





Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	
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 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	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	



Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5101:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	
5101:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Compliant	
5101:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	
5101:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	
5101:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Compliant	
5101:2-12-18 License Capacity	Compliant	
5101:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	
5101:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	
5101:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Compliant	
5101:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	
5101:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Compliant	
5101:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	
Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable



5101:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Compliant	
<b>Rule</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Documenting Statement(s), If applicable</b>
5101:2-12-25 Medication Administration	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	