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 Cincinnati Hills-Otto Armleder School	Program Number 1000018133	Program Type Pre School
Address 140 W 9th St Cincinnati OH 45202		County HAMILTON

Organization Name: Cincinnati Hills-Blake Linder Thompson Early Childhood Center	Org IRN: 008019	Site IRN: 016577

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 09/24/2026	Begin Time 10:15 AM	End Time 1:40 PM	Reviewer: ZIBUTE OSGOOD

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 69	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 3		No. Requirements Compliant 57
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 0	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 4	No. Technical Assistance Provided 7

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 13	In Compliance	3's & 4's, observed @ 10:21 a.m.
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	3 to 13	In Compliance	3's & 4's, observed at 11:45 a.m.

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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

Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: **05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-20-08 Parent Notification of Incidents/Injuries

Requirement: The program is required to complete the DCY 01299 "Incident/Injury Report" for injuries and incidents at the program, provide a copy to the person who picks the child up on the day of the incident, and retain a copy of the form onsite at the program for one year. An electronic equivalent of the form may be used.

Finding: In review of the records, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for completing a DCY 01299 “Incident/Injury Report” in that the program used a version of a form that was not equivalent to the DCY 01299 "Incident/Injury Report". Submit the program's corrective action plan to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/04/2026

Domain: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-20-10 Written Child Guidance Policy

Requirement: Program policies for suspension, expulsion and removal are to be written in accordance with section 3313.66 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written child guidance policy included policies for suspension, expulsion and/or removal that were not in accordance with section 3313.66 of the Ohio Revised Code. Submit the program’s corrective action plan to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/04/2026

Domain: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-20-10 Written Child Guidance Policy

Requirement: The program is required to have a written child guidance policy that contains the topics outlined in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written child guidance policy, for the preschool children, did not meet the requirements of the rule in that the policy did not contain the prohibited techniques outlined in rule; did not list specific methods of child guidance used at the program; did not include such measures as redirection, separation from problem situation, talking with the child about the situation, and positive reinforcement for appropriate behavior. Submit the program’s corrective action plan to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/04/2026

Domain: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-20-11 Written Management of Communicable Disease Policy

Requirement: The program is required to have a written management of communicable disease policy that contains the topics outlined in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written management of communicable disease policy did not meet the requirements of the rule, in that the policy did not include the program's means of training all preschool staff members in signs and symptoms of illness and handwashing and disinfection procedures; procedures for isolating an ill child; procedures regarding the care of a mildly ill child. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/04/2026

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: 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.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program's fire inspection is overdue, but the program demonstrated verification they have contacted the fire inspector within 30 days prior to expiration to schedule a new fire inspection 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: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-20-05 Emergency Phone Numbers

Requirement: The program is required to post emergency phone numbers.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined emergency numbers are not posted in all spaces used by children 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: 5180-37-04 Health and Safety Training

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

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined that staff had not completed health and safety training (CPR training) 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: 5180-37-04 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.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined verification of staff immunizations were 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.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

Rule: ORC 3301.531 Preschool Staff Member TB Screening

Requirement: The program is required to have every director, staff member and nonteaching employee provide evidence of tuberculosis (TB) screening prior to the first day of employment. Additional TB testing may be required if the individual meets the screening criteria.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined verification of TB screening 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.

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. How to obtain inspection reports for the preschool program and how to file a complaint with the Department of Children and Youth (DCY). Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: 10 Written Policies & Procedures

Rule: 5180:2-20-07 Operating Policies and Procedures

Requirement: The program is required to have written policies and procedures that contain all of the topics outlined in rule.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program's written policies and procedures did not contain all items as required. The following need to be added:

- Staff awareness of each child's cumulative and health records.

- Minimum staff requirements.

- Child placement and transitions according to established procedures.

- Field trip procedures.

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
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
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
Rule: 5180:2-20-06 Cots and Mats	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cots or mats were observed in good condition and placed appropriately and safely during nap or rest time.

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
5180:2-20-06 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
5180-37-04 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-09 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Meals offered at the program included foods from the five food groups in sufficient amounts.
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
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	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
5180-37-04 Preschool Staff Member Education	Compliant	

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 Preschool Staff Member Orientation Training	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, all preschool staff members had met orientation training requirements.

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
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
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
5180:2-20-08 Child Cumulative Records	Compliant	

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
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
5180:2-20-02 Amendments to the License	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	Not Applicable	

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