Department of Children & Youth

Licensing Inspection Full Report

Program Details		
Program Type: Pre School	Program Name: North Avondale Montessori School	Program Number: 1000019182
Address: 615 Clinton Springs Ave Cincinnati OH 45229		County: HAMILTON
Organization Name: Cincinnati Public Schools	Org IRN: 043752	Site IRN: 026054

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope: Full	Inspection Notice: Unannounced
Visit Date: 12/03/2025	Begin Time: 9:15 AM	End Time: 12:55 PM

The most recent written compliance reports and the program's corrective action plan shall remain posted in a conspicuous place near the posted program license until the next compliance report is received from the department

Note: All documented non-compliances are grouped as Serious, Moderate and Low risk violations. A serious risk non-compliance may impact a program's Step up to Quality rating.

Summary of Findings		
Number of Rules Verified: 178	Number of Rules with Non-Compliances: 5	
Serious Risk Non-Compliances: 1	Moderate Risk Non-Compliances: 3	Low Risk Non-Compliances: 4

Summary of Non-Compliances

If a program disagrees with a licensing finding, the program may request a review of the finding(s). 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 risk non-compliance is cited.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff/child ratio maintained at all times

Code: This rule requires the preschool staff member/child ratio to be maintained at all times and no child is ever left alone or unsupervised.

Findings: A child was reported or observed left alone or unsupervised.

Corrective Action Plan Due:12/08/2025

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff/child ratio maintained at all times

Code: This rule requires the preschool staff member/child ratio to be maintained at all times and sufficient individuals must be physically present with the children in accordance with section 3301.56 of the Revised Code.

Findings: During the inspection, sufficient individuals were not physically present with children to meet staff/child ratio.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/02/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37:04 Background check updates

Code: This rule requires a director and preschool staff member to provide evidence of criminal record checks and five-year updates that meet the requirements as prescribed in section?3301.541?of the Revised Code and if applicable, rehabilitation criteria as described in rules?3301-20-01?and?3301-20-03?of the Administrative Code.

Findings: During the inspection and review of staff files, background checks were not updated every five years.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/02/2026

Domain: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180-37:07 Written medication policy requirements

Code: This rule requires medication to be administered with policies in place that assure child information is gathered and health professional instructions are followed

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the following requirement was not met:

- Child's information, medication name, or dosage information was missing
- Medication was not in original container or the container from which it was dispensed
- Medication was expired.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 01/02/2026

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff Medical statement

Code: 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 is obligated to have evidence of a signed medical statement on or before the first day of employment.

Findings: During the inspection and review of staff files, individuals used to count in ratio did not have evidence of a signed medical statement on or before the first day of employment.

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff with required health and safety trainings

Code: This rule requires the program to ensure the following each staff member has completed and is current with an approved course for age-appropriate first aid and CPR in accordance with rule 5101:2-12-10 of the Administrative Code.

Findings: During the inspection and review of staff files, at least one person onsite does not have a current age appropriate course in CPR from an approved provider.

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff with required health and safety trainings

Code: This rule requires the program to ensure each staff member has completed and is current with an approved course for age-appropriate first aid and CPR in accordance with rule?5101:2-12-10?of the Administrative Code.

Findings: During the inspection and review of staff files, at least one person onsite does not have a current age appropriate course in first aid from an approved provider.

Domain: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180-37:07 Written medication policy requirements

Code: This rule requires that medication be stored in a designated locked storage place.

Findings: During the inspection, it was observed that medication was not stored in a designated locked storage place.

Rules in Compliance/Not Verified

Rule: 5180-37:03 Written philosophy and goals	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Parent handbook	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:03 Developmental progress and parent teacher conferences	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Medication was dispensed to the wrong child or the wrong dosage was administered	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:03 Written curriculum adopted and aligned	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-02 Falsified information was submitted to the department	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Program amendment submitted	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Program failed to report suspected abuse, neglect, or endangerment	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 A child was left unattended inside or outside the facility	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Swimming activity supervision/ratio/location violation	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Written compliance report posted	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Child is left unattended on a field trip or in a vehicle	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Preschool application submission	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 OCLQS not maintained	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Preschool information reported in Education Management Information System	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Serious risk incident/injury reporting	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Children are not protected from harm resulting in a serious incident or injury	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37:02 The department was denied access to conduct a compliance review	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Program used a prohibited disciplinary technique	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Weapons or ammunition are on the premises without prior approval	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Program operation	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Employee refused to be fingerprinted and remains employed or person remains employed when not eligible for employment	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Substantiated public children's services agency finding of abuse or neglect	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff Non-Discrimination	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:03 Daily Schedule	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:03 Nap/Rest-Time Requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Director onsite fifty percent of operating hours	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff supervision	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Director qualifications	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Director responsibilities	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Administrator rules training	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Lead teacher assigned	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Public preschool general education teacher requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Special education teacher requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Substitute requirements	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37:04 Nontax nonpublic preschool teacher requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Individuals used in ratio	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Annual in-service requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff minimum requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Orientation training	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Non-guilty non-conviction statement	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Required background checks	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Infant and non-ambulatory child approved rooms	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Second adult requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Licensed staff in-service requirement	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Ratio and Group size: General education or co-taught classroom	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Nap/rest time ratio requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Preschool special education law requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Part-time staff in-service requirement	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Mixed age group size	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Substitute providing IEP services	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Ratio and Group size: Special education classroom	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Ratio and Group size: Integrated classroom	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37:04 Approved trainer requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Montessori maximum group size	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Intervention specialist caseload	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Preschool/school age mixed group	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Outdoor play space	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Center cleaning and sanitizing	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Phone available	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Safe play space available	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Play space free of hazards	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Exclusive use of preschool space	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Safe and sanitary equipment and materials	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Square footage and maximum capacity	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Lifeguard or certified safety instructor	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Annual fire inspection	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Children supervised during travel times	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Public access areas	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Ratio maintained at all times	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Swimming and wading pools	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Electrical fans	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37:05 Electrical outlets	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Room divided by barrier	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Smoking prohibited	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Adequate first-aid supplies	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Materials selected independently	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Cleaning and sanitizing supplies	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Indoor space minimum requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Potty chair requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Crib separated from play space	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Infant and toddler space	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Space heaters	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Safe handling, storage, and disposal of bio-contaminants	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Cot or Mat requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Protective Mats	*Compliant*
Rule: 5108-37:06 Furniture and equipment	*Compliant*
Rule: 5108-37:06 Crib mattress protection	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Crib mattress space	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Crib or cot assignment	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Crib safety standards	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37:06 Crib Spacing	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Infant crib requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Infant sleeping placement	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Governing body written policies	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Program policies and procedures	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Appropriate policies for children	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Staff policies	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Emergency numbers posting	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Developmentally appropriate program planning	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Policies address children's cumulative records	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Admission procedures	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Health and safety procedures	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Organized school health services	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Emergency procedure postings and records	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Immunization records and emergency medical authorization requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Parent Roster	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Behavior management/discipline policy requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Communicable Disease Policy requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Transportation and field trip policies	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37:07 Safe sleep placement	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Unlimited parent access	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Offsite swimming policy requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Parent Roster permission	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Safe sleep policy	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Staff ratio during swimming and water play activities	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Medical and dental emergency procedure posting	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Swimming policy	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 List of allergies and treatment	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Fluoride supplements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 First-aid Facilities and Materials	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Handwashing and disposable towels or air hand dryer available	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Supervising grounds, play areas, and other facilities	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Written procedures for incident and injury reporting	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Swimming permission	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Parent permission for topical products	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Immunization records	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37-08 List of prescription or nonprescription medications, food supplements, modified diets, or fluoride supplements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 List of chronic physical problems and history of hospitalization	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 List of child diseases	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Names and telephone numbers of physician and dentist	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Emergency medical and dental care transportation	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Daily attendance records	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Injury report	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Cumulative record requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Child medical signed by licensed physician	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Medication authorization	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Food license	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Infant food or formula requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Menus	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Choice of two required food groups for snack	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Modified diet accommodations	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Snack service time	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Nutritious snack choices provided to parents	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37:09 Screen time during meal or snack time	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Snack nutritional requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Snacks and meals to children attending four or more hours	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Use of powdered milk	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable disease chart posted	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 infant Feeding Requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:10 Reporting abuse policy	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable disease policy: Training staff	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:10 Staff responsibility for discipline	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable Disease Policy: Exposure to a communicable disease	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:10 Discipline restrictions	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable Disease Policy: Readmitting an ill child	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable Disease Policy: Ill child isolation requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Policy regarding providing food when parent does not provide it	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable Disease Policy: Parent notification of illness	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:12 Soiled diapers storage/laundering	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:10 Discipline policy ensures well being of individuals	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:10 Written discipline policy requirements	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37:10 Staff receive discipline policy	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable Disease Policy: Symptoms of illness for isolation and discharge	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:10 Discipline policy/ behavior management communication and written consent to parent	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable Disease Policy: Symptoms of illness for isolation	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Children observed for communicable disease upon	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable Disease Policy: Mildly ill child	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:12 Diapering requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:12 Diaper storage	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:08 Child medical statement	*Compliant*