Department of Children & Youth

Licensing Inspection Full Report

Program Details		
Program Type: Pre School	Program Name: James N. Gamble Montessori Elementary School	Program Number: 1000099993
Address: 2700 Felicity Pl Cincinnati OH 45211		County: HAMILTON
Organization Name: Cincinnati Public Schools	Org IRN: 043752	Site IRN: 017353

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope: Full	Inspection Notice: Unannounced
Visit Date: 02/12/2026	Begin Time: 8:30 AM	End Time: 1:45 PM
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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: 10	
Serious Risk Non-Compliances: 1	Moderate Risk Non-Compliances: 4	Low Risk Non-Compliances: 8

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 observed left alone or unsupervised.

Corrective Action Plan Due:03/08/2026

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180-37:05 Ratio maintained at all times

Code: This rule requires that child staff ratios are maintained at all times in accordance with rule?3301-37-04?of the Administrative Code..

Findings: During the inspection, it was observed that child staff ratios are not maintained at all times.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/02/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180-37:06 Cleaning and sanitizing supplies

Code: This rule requires that cleaning and sanitizing supplies shall be stored in a space that is inaccessible to children. Cleaning agents, aerosol cans and all other chemical substances are to be stored in a designated area in their original containers and/or clearly labeled.

Findings: During the inspection, it was observed that cleaning and sanitizing supplies stored in a space that is accessible to children.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/02/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37:04 Substitute requirements

Code: This rule requires a substitute to 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, a substitute did not have evidence of criminal background checks that meet the requirements.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/02/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37:04 Required background checks

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 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, individuals used in ratio did not have evidence of criminal background checks that meet the requirements.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/02/2026

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37:04 Substitute requirements

Code: This rule requires a substitute to have evidence that they have a high school diploma, GED or high school equivalency.

Findings: During the inspection and review of staff files, substitutes used in ratio did not have documentation of a high school diploma or equivalent on file and available for review.

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37:04 Substitute requirements

Code: This rule requires a substitute to have evidence of a signed medical statement.

Findings: During the inspection and review of staff files, a substitute 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 Individuals used in ratio

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 the ratio is obligated to have required documentation on file.

Findings: During the inspection and a review of staff files, individuals used in ratio did not have documentation to meet requirements.

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff minimum requirements

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 the ratio is obligated to have evidence that they have a high school diploma, GED or high school equivalency.

Findings: During the inspection and review of staff files, individuals used in ratio did not have documentation of a high school diploma or equivalent on file and available for review.

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37:04 Non-guilty non-conviction 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 a signed non-guilty non-conviction statement on a prescribed form signed annually.

Findings: During the inspection and review of staff files, individuals used in ratio did not have a non-guilty non-conviction statement signed annually.

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.

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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.

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: 5180-37:03 Written curriculum adopted and aligned	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Written compliance report posted	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Program operation	*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 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 Annual in-service requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Orientation training	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Background check updates	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Second adult requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Licensed staff in-service requirement	*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 Ratio and Group size: Special education 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: 5180-37:05 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 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 Electrical outlets	*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: 5180-37:05 Indoor space minimum requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Safe handling, storage, and disposal of bio-contaminants	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Cot or Mat requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5108-37:06 Furniture and equipment	*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 Unlimited parent access	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Parent Roster permission	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Medical and dental emergency procedure posting	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 List of allergies and treatment	*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 medication policy requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Written procedures for incident and injury reporting	*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 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: 5180-37:11 Communicable disease chart posted	*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*