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 Rising Stars at Cheviot/Westwood	Program Number 1200022917	Program Type Pre School
Address 3132 Mozart Ave Cincinnati OH 45211		County HAMILTON

Organization Name:	Org IRN:	Site IRN:
Cincinnati Public Schools	043752	019193

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 10/06/2026	Begin Time 9:15 AM	End Time 1:30 PM	Reviewer: Beverly McGlasson

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 69	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 6		No. Requirements Compliant 52
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 3	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 4	No. Technical Assistance Provided 3

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Rm.1009-PS-HS	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 14	In Compliance	This ratio was taken at 9:36 am.
Rm.1009-PS-HS	3 years to < 4 years	3 to 15	In Compliance	This ratio was taken at 12:25pm.

Rm.1010-PS-HS	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 11	In Compliance	This ratio was taken at 9:36 am.
Rm.1010-PS-HS	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 11	In Compliance	This ratio was taken at 12:25 pm.
Rm.1013-PS	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 13	In Compliance	This ratio was taken at 9:36 am.
Rm.1013-PS	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 12	In Compliance	This ratio was taken at 12:25 pm.
Rm.1014-PS	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 10	In Compliance	This ratio was taken at 9:36 am.
Rm.1014-PS	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 10	In Compliance	This ratio was taken at 12:25 pm.
Rm.1018-Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 16	In Compliance	This ratio was taken at 9:36 am.
Rm.1018-Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 16	In Compliance	This ratio was taken at 12:25 pm.
Rm.2010-PS-HS	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 7	In Compliance	This ratio was taken at 9:36 am.
Rm.2010-PS-HS	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 7	In Compliance	This ratio was taken at 12:25 pm.

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.

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-20-06 Safe Equipment

Requirement: The program is required to provide an environment that protects children from toxic chemicals, hazardous items, conditions and situations.

Finding: During the inspection, a potentially hazardous item or toxic substance was used or stored in classroom cabinets where children had access to it. The following was observed: cleaning agent. 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: 11/07/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37-04 Background Check Requirements

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 is obligated to meet the requirements as prescribed in section 3301.541 of the Revised Code and if applicable, rehabilitation criteria as described in rules3301-20-01 and3301-20-03 of the Administrative Code.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that background checks were not updated every five years. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the updated background check results, to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/07/2026

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Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that individuals used in ratio did not have evidence of criminal background checks that meet the requirements. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the background check results, to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/07/2026

Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-20-05 Safe Environment

Requirement: 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: During the inspection, it was determined that children were not protected from item(s) or condition(s) which may threaten their health, safety, or well-being.

The following was observed: Children had access to employee purses that were in an unlocked cabinet.

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: 11/07/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37-04 Preschool Staff Member Education

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

Finding: 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. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the education verification, to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/07/2026

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.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one individual counted in ratio or left alone with children had not completed required health and safety training in that, the individual(s) have not completed a current age appropriate course in CPR from an approved provider; the individual(s) have not completed a current age appropriate course in first aid from an approved provider. Refer to the Employee Record Chart for the name(s) of the individual(s) who must complete the required health and safety training(s). Submit the program's corrective action plan to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/07/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-20-07 Medication Storage

Requirement: The program is required to store medication out of the reach of children. Medications, other than emergency medications, must be stored in a designated locked storage place. If a medication requires refrigeration, it shall be stored in a refrigerator that is not accessible to children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined medication storage did not meet the requirements of the rule in that medication (other than emergency medication) was not stored in a designated locked storage place. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/07/2026

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: 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 medical statements 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: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180-37-04 Preschool Staff Member Orientation Training

Requirement: The program is required to have individuals who have an assigned schedule with a child or group of children or may be used in ratio complete the online staff orientation training within 30 days of the individual's start date.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the employee's orientation is not complete 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.

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
Rule: 5180:2-20-05 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program had a current fire inspection on file, completed 10/20/2025.

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
5180:2-20-05 Sanitary Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Group Size	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180-37-04 Supervision	Compliant

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-08 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, attendance records were reviewed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-10 Child Guidance	Compliant	

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
5180:2-20-06 Sanitary Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-07 Handwashing	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-05 Emergency Phone Numbers	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, complete emergency phone numbers and weather and fire alert plans were posted in the program as required.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Emergency Drills	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-09 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-06 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	

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 Staff Non-Discrimination	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-03 Parent Notification and Participation Policies	Compliant	

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
5180:2-20-08 Child Immunization Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-10 Written Child Guidance Policy	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-08 Child Cumulative Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-08 Child Health Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-08 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-03 Written Program Philosophy and Goals	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-07 Operating Policies and Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-07 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-02 Amendments to the License	Not Applicable	

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	