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 Little Scholars Learning Center/ Young Scholars of Columbus	Program Number 2180018567	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 3943 Groves Road Columbus OH 43232		County FRANKLIN

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Follow-up	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 06/04/2026	Begin Time 9:00 AM	End Time 1:10 PM	Reviewer: Megan Wolford

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

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)		24	0	24
Young Toddler		4	0	4
Total Under 2 ½ Years	26	28	0	28
Older Toddler		14	0	14
Preschool		32	11	43
School Age		70	0	70
Total Capacity/Enrollment	123	116	11	155

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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Toddler1	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 7	In Compliance	1025a
Toddler1	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 7	In Compliance	9a
School Age 2	5 years to < Kindergarten	1 to 23	Out of Compliance	910a- classroom group
School Age 2	5 years to < Kindergarten	1 to 18	In Compliance	1030a- Classroom group
School Age 2	5 years to < Kindergarten	2 to 31	In Compliance	1030a- outside
Infant2	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 6	In Compliance	905a
Infant2	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 7	In Compliance	1020a
Infant1	0 to < 12 months	3 to 8	In Compliance	9a
Infant1	0 to < 12 months	2 to 9	In Compliance	10a
Toddler2	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 5	In Compliance	905a
Toddler2	30 months to < 36 months	2 to 5	In Compliance	1025a
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 11	In Compliance	9:05 A
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 12	In Compliance	1025a
PreK	4 years to < 5 years	3 to 24	In Compliance	1005a
PreK	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 21	In Compliance	905a
School Age1	5 years to < Kindergarten	2 to 21	In Compliance	910a- Gym Group
School Age1	5 years to < Kindergarten	1 to 14		1030a- Gym group

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: 00 License & Approvals

Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection

Requirement: The program is required to refrain from using space that did not receive building approval and from caring for children in spaces not approved for that age group. The program is required to refrain from using a remodeled or modified space before obtaining building approval. The program is required to maintain building occupancy limitations.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program was using space for child care in a manner that was not approved by the Ohio Department of Commerce or local certified building authority as noted in number 5 below:

1. The [ ] room or space was not approved.

2. Children under school age were being cared for in a building only approved for school age.

3. The space had been modified and not yet re-inspected and approved.

4. The [ ] floor, which had not been approved by the building department for child care, was being used.

5. The building limitation had been exceeded. 127 children were being cared for and the building had been approved for 123 children.

6. The [ ] room(s) occupancy had been exceeded. [ ] children were being cared for in this space that had been approved for [ ] children.

7. Care was provided to [ ] children less than two and one-half years of age. This violated the program's building code limitation in that, [ ].

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes building approval for use of this space, a written statement that the building occupancy limitations are being maintained, or a written statement that it is no longer being used, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 07/04/2026

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio

Requirement: The program is required to maintain the appropriate staff to child ratio for each group served.

Finding: During the inspection, a ratio of 1 child care staff member for 23 children was determined to have occurred for the School Age (Classroom) group when the situation in number 6 below occurred:

1. A child care staff member stepped out of the room.

2. A child care staff member had not arrived at work on time.

3. Children were present who were not scheduled to be there.

4. A child care staff member was unable to work.

5. A child was injured in that group.

6. A child arrived in the group before a second staff member was scheduled to arrive with the group.

7. Two groups were combined, and the program did not follow the ratio for the youngest child in the group.

8. A child was transitioning to the next older age group, and the program did not follow the ratio for the youngest child in the group.

9. Ratio was doubled for more than two hours while children were napping.

10. Ratio was doubled while children were napping for a group that included at least one infant.

11. Ratio was doubled while children were napping and there were not enough staff members in the building to meet staff/child ratio.

12. Ratio was doubled in the school age group to allow access to the program, however, the program does not serve only school age children.

13. Both child care staff members did not have a working communication device when one staff member left the group to allow access to the school age only program.

14. The child care staff member did not return to the group after allowing access to the school age only program.

15. Other

Additional child care staff members must be hired or current child care staff members must be rescheduled to maintain compliance. 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: 07/04/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have all staff request background checks as required and receive a JFS 01176 or preliminary approval from ODJFS prior to allowing an individual to engage in assigned duties or be near children.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background checks did not meet the requirements of the rule for the person(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart as noted in number(s) 1 & 4 below:

1. The request for a background check for child care was not submitted in the OPR.

2. The fingerprints were not submitted electronically according to the process established by BCI.

3. The individual(s) had engaged in assigned duties or were near children and preliminary approval from ODJFS was not on file.

4. Background checks were not updated every five years.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the JFS 01176, or a copy of the preliminary approval or a statement that the individual(s) are no longer engaged in assigned duties and are not near children until the preliminary approval has been received, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 07/04/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Medical/Physical Care Plans

Requirement: The program is required to have a completed JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" on file at the program for any child having a health condition and must implement and/or follow instructions on the plan. The program is required to have staff trained to perform the procedures on the JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care" present at the program when the child requiring the procedure is onsite. Only staff who have been trained shall be permitted to perform the procedures listed on the JFS 01236.

Finding: In review of the children's records, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for caring for at least one child, indicated on the Children Records Review, with a condition that requires a JFS 01236 "Child Medical/Physical Care Plan" as noted in number(s) 1, 33, and 44 below:

1. No plan was on file.

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2. Child's name was missing.

3. Name of the condition was missing.

4. Indication if medication or medical food is required was missing.

5. Signs, symptoms or situations that require staff to take action were missing.

6. Activities, foods, environmental conditions to avoid were missing.

7. Training instructions for procedures for staff to follow were missing or incomplete.

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8. Child's name was missing or not attached.

9. Child's date of birth was missing or not attached.

10. Child's weight was missing or not attached.

11. Name of the medication/medical food was missing or not attached.

12. Dosage of medication/medical food to be administered was missing or not attached.

13. Time for medication/medical food to be administered was missing or not attached.

14. Expiration date for medication/medical food was missing or not attached.

15. Symptoms that require staff to administer medication/medical food were missing or not attached.

16. Specific instructions to administer the medication/medical food were missing or not attached.

17. Actions to be taken if the symptoms do not subside were missing or not attached.

18. Physician's signature was missing or not attached.

19. The date of the physician's signature was missing or not attached.

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20. Child's name was missing.

21. Instructions regarding emergency evacuation, if applicable, were missing.

22. Signature of parent granting permission to implement the plan and verifying training was missing.

23. Date of parent signature was missing.

24. Certified Professional Trainer information was missing.

25. Signature of certified professional who trained the program staff was missing, if parent was not the trainer.

26. Date of trainer signature was missing.

27. Printed name(s)of child care staff member(s) who have received instructions for care and/or have been trained to perform the procedure were missing.

28. Signature(s) of child care staff member(s) who have received instructions for care and/or have been trained to perform the procedure were missing.

29. Date of staff signature was missing.

30. Administrator/Provider signature was missing

31. Date of administrator/Provider was missing.

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32. Child's name was missing.

33. Name of medication or medical food was missing.

34. Date the medication/medical food was administered was missing.

35. Time medication/medical food was administered was missing.

36. Dosage of medication/medical food that was administered was missing.

37. Signature of person administering medication/medical food was missing.

38. The plan was not followed or implemented.

39. The plan was not able to be implemented due to conflicting information.

40. None of the child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 were onsite when a child requiring the plan was present.

41. Child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 were not scheduled to be present the entire the time the child requiring the plan was onsite.

42. None of the child care staff members trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 accompanied the child requiring the plan during a trip.

43. A child care staff member who had not been trained in the procedures on the JFS 01236 performed the procedure.

44. Medication listed in the procedures to follow was not onsite available to administer as instructed and alternate instructions for this situation were not included on the plan.

Provide staff training. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed JFS 01236, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 07/04/2026

Other Non-Compliances

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

No other non-compliances were observed during this inspection

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.

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
5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 License Posted	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-02 Current Information	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Although the program had documentation of a current fire inspection without any uncorrected violations at the time of the licensing inspection, the program did not have the fire inspection completed within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection without any uncorrected violations. Please ensure that fire inspections are completed in accordance with the rule requirements.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Toothbrushing Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Child Medical and Enrollment Records	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 License Capacity	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping	Not Verified

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance and Behavior Management	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-21 Evening and Overnight Care	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-24 Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration	Not Verified	