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 | | |
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| Program Name<br>Kiddie Academy of Gahanna | Program Number<br>2180019142 | Program Type<br>Child Care Center |
| Address<br>1341 Cherry Way Dr Gahanna<br>OH<br>43230 | | County<br>FRANKLIN |

| Inspection Information | | | |
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| Inspection Type<br>Annual | Inspection Scope<br>Full | Inspection Method<br>On-site Inspection | Inspection Notice<br>Unannounced |
| Inspection Date<br>10/20/2026 | Begin Time<br>8:40 AM | End Time<br>1:20 PM | Reviewer:<br>Catherine Moerch |

| Summary of Findings | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. Requirements Verified<br>67 | No. Requirements with Non-compliances<br>2 | | No. Requirements Compliant<br>62 |
| No. Serious Risk<br>0 | No. Moderate Risk Findings<br>0 | No. Other Non-compliance Findings<br>2 | No. Technical Assistance Provided<br>4 |

| 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) | | 18 | 0 | 18 |
| Young Toddler | | 9 | 0 | 9 |
| **Total Under 2 ½ Years** | 60 | 27 | 0 | 27 |
| Older Toddler | | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| Preschool | | 39 | 0 | 39 |
| School Age | | 11 | 0 | 11 |
| **Total Capacity/Enrollment** | 172 | 62 | 0 | 89 |

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| Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Group** | **Age Group/Range** | **Ratio Observed** | **Compliance** | **Comment** |
| Toddler | 18 months to < 30 months | 3 to 14 | In Compliance | 8:45am Toddler and Early Preschool were combined at arrival |
| Toddler | 18 months to < 30 months | 2 to 10 | In Compliance | 11;30am |
| Waddler | 12 months to < 18 months | 1 to 4 | In Compliance | 8:45am |
| Waddler | 12 months to < 18 months | 2 to 7 | In Compliance | 11:30am lunch |
| Infants | 0 to < 12 months | 2 to 9 | In Compliance | 8:45am |
| Infants | 0 to < 12 months | 2 to 10 | In Compliance | 11:30am |
| Pre-K | 4 years to < 5 years | 1 to 9 | In Compliance | 8:45am Pre-k and School Age were combined at arrival. |
| Pre-K | 4 years to < 5 years | 2 to 18 | In Compliance | 11:30am School Age and pre-k were combined for the day in Pre-K |
| School Age | School-Age to < 11 years | 0 to 0 | In Compliance | School age was combined with the pre-k group all day and included in pre-k ratio. 12:40pm |
| Preschool | 3 years to < 4 years | 2 to 15 | In Compliance | 8:45am |
| Preschool | 3 years to < 4 years | 2 to 16 | In Compliance | 11:30am lunch |
| Early Preschool | 30 months to < 36 months | 1 to 8 | In Compliance | 11:30 lunch |
| Early Preschool | 30 months to < 36 months | 1 to 8 | In Compliance | 12:30pm nap |

**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: 06 Program Information**

Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have all drivers be an employee of the program, a public transportation driver, or employed by a contracted transportation service company and retain a copy of all licenses for drivers employed by the program.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the requirements for drivers was not met.

The following was observed: at least one employee who is responsible for transporting children did not have documentation of completion of the prescribed driver training on file

Remove this individual from transporting children until the requirements are met. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/19/2026

**Domain**: **10 Written Policies & Procedures**

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

Requirement: The program is required to have an emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP).

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program's emergency preparedness and response plan (EPRP) did not meet the requirement or was missing the information.

The following was observed as missing: medical or dental emergencies, including emergency transportation; emergency numbers for medical, dental, and transport-related emergencies in addition to 9-1-1

Make the necessary revisions to the EPRP. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes the revised information, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 11/19/2026

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## 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: 5180:2-12-08 Staff TB Screening Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have every employee provide evidence of tuberculois (TB) screening prior to the first day of employment.

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: 08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-10 Health Training Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have all child care staff members complete training in child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention within sixty days of hire. Staff must complete training in first aid and CPR within the first ninety days of hire.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined staff have not completed health and safety training(s) 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: 5180:2-12-10 Professional Development Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to ensure child care staff members, including substitutes used more than ninety days annually, obtain at least 6 hours of professional development each state fiscal year.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined staff did not complete professional development 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: 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures

Requirement: The program administrator is required to maintain the parent handbook.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the administrator is not maintaining the parent handbook 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 |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-18 License Capacity | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-02 License Visible | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection | Compliant | Documenting Statement: A copy of the certificate of occupancy was available on-site for review. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Please Note: Documentation of a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations must be secured for the program. Secure a new fire inspection by 10/28/26. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: #43031805EWX 3/1/27. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-05 Denial, Revocation and Suspension | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-07 Administrator Responsibilities/Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All Child Care Staff Members had verification of educational requirements on file at the program. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-08 Orientation Training & Whistle Blower Protection | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-09 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 |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-11 Indoor Space Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
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| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Equipment | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Children were viewed washing their hands, as required by the rule. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-13 Smoke Free Environment | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The form(s) used by the program for routine and/or field trips were verified to meet the requirements of the rule. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: An annual safety check of the vehicle(s), using the DCY 1230 “Vehicle Inspection Report” form, was verified and dated 4/23/26. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The DCY 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" was posted and was readily available to staff and parents. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Health Care Plans | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program had current information on the medical status and the required treatment plan for the children with health conditions. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Daily schedules were observed posted. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Outdoor play was observed for the Preschool group(s). |

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

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

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Child Care Staff Members were observed recording the attendance for each child upon arrival and documenting each child's departure. |

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal Preparation and Nutritional Requirements | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Posted menus were current and dated. |

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All bottles were labeled as required. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage | Compliant | |

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

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Postings | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Emergency Drills | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Documentation for completed fire, weather, and emergency/lockdown drills was verified during this inspection. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-21 Mobile Preschools | Not Applicable | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Staff Immunization Records | Compliant | Documenting Statement: All employees had immunization records or exemption documentation on file. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-02 Current Information | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-02 Amendments to the License | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Practices | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-15 Child Immunization Records | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-15 Child Enrollment Records | Compliant | Documenting Statement: At the time of the inspection, 25% of the children's records were reviewed, and the enrollment records were complete, as required by the rule. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-15 Child Record Requirements | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Equipment and Environment | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Cots were placed appropriately and safely during nap time. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-20 Cribs - Placement | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-22 Specialized Diets | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training - Practices | Compliant | Documenting Statement: Appropriate diaper changing procedures were observed during the inspection in the older infant room(s). (Waddlers) |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-23 2026 Diapering and Toilet Training - Supplies | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Administration Practices | Compliant | |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Documentation | Compliant | Documenting Statement: The program had complete written documentation for administering medication or food supplements. |

| Rule | Status | Documenting Statement(s), If applicable |
|---|---|---|
| 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Storage | Compliant | |