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 Bright Minds Academy, LLC	Program Number 2210024558	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1787 N 21ST ST NEWARK OH 43055		County LICKING

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Follow-up	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 05/18/2026	Begin Time 9:15 AM	End Time 10:05 AM	Reviewer: Andrea Clark

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 11	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 4		No. Requirements Compliant 5
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 2	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 3	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)		8	0	8
Young Toddler		9	0	9
Total Under 2 ½ Years	56	17	0	17
Older Toddler		4	0	4
Preschool		18	0	18
School Age		1	0	1
Total Capacity/Enrollment	56	23	0	40

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7	In Compliance	Arrival ratio @ 9:15 AM.
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 7	In Compliance	Departure ratio @ 10:05 AM.
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 8	In Compliance	Arrival ratio @ 9:15 AM.
Toddlers	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 9	In Compliance	Departure ratio @ 10:05 AM.
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 6	In Compliance	Arrival ratio @ 9:15 AM.
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 6	In Compliance	Departure ratio @ 10:05 AM.
Pre-K	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 7	In Compliance	Departure ratio @ 10:05 AM. - includes 1 drop in school age child.
Pre-K	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 7	In Compliance	Arrival ratio @ 9:15 AM. - includes 1 drop in school age child.

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: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones

Requirement: The program is required to provide adequate fall surface for the outdoor play space.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the playground did not have adequate fall surface under and around equipment as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. No fall surface

2. Adequate fall surface to soften the impact of a fall

3. Adequate fall surface to soften the impact of a fall that extended the length of the required fall zone

4. Other [ ]

With any equipment designed for climbing, swinging, bouncing, or sliding, resilient material, as specified in Appendix A, needs to be added in order to protect children in the event of a fall. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes written verification of the discontinued use of this equipment until corrections are made along with a description of the resilient material added, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/17/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration

Requirement: The program is required to use the appropriate form and retain current documentation to administer medications. The program is also required to obtain separate documentation for each medication and child, and retain on file each JFS 01217 "Request for Administration of Medication for Child Care" for at least one year. The program is required to administer medication only if it has the prescription label attached or had written instructions

from a licensed physician. The program is also required to have each medication to be administered stored in its original container.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirement(s) for administering a medication or medical food or a prescription topical product to a child as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. The JFS 01217 “Request for Administration of Medication for Child Care” was not on file for a medication, medical food, or prescription topical product that was not required by a JFS 1236 ""Child Medical/Physical Care Plan for Child Care"".

2. The child’s name was missing on the JFS 01217.

3. The child’s date of birth was missing on the JFS 01217 and was needed to determine the correct dosage.

4. The child’s weight was missing on the JFS 01217 and was needed to determine the correct dosage.

5. The name of the medication was missing on the JFS 01217.

6. The exact dose was missing on the JFS 01217.

7. The time to administer was missing on the JFS 01217.

8. The time period to administer was missing on the JFS 01217.

9. The medication's expiration date was missing on the JFS 01217.

10. The Parent/Guardian’s dated signature was missing on the JFS 01217.

11. Physician instructions were missing on the JFS 01217.

12. Possible side effects were missing on the JFS 01217.

13. Physician’s dated signature was missing on the JFS 01217.

14. Physician’s phone number was missing on the JFS 01217.

15. Date medication was administered was missing on the JFS 01217.

16. Time medication was administered was missing on the JFS 01217.

17. Dosage administered was missing on the JFS 01217.

18. Staff member’s signature was missing on the JFS 01217.

19. A prescription label was not attached to the prescription medication.

20. The medication or product, [ ], was not brought to the program in its original container.

21. Parent instructions conflict with either the manufacturer or physician instructions.

Submit the program’s corrective action plan, which includes the completed JFS 01217 for each child needed, verification that the prescription label is now attached, and/or verification that the medication or product is now in its original container, and a statement that training was provided, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: **00 License & Approvals**

Rule: 5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to respond to noncompliances by the date noted in the inspection report.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program had not responded to the non-compliances addressed in the inspection report dated 10/7/25. The rule requires the program to complete and submit a corrective action plan in OCLQS to address non-compliances detailed in written inspection reports within the timeframe outlined in the report. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that current and future corrective action plans will be submitted timely, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/17/2026

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.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one child care staff member had not completed required health and safety training as noted in number(s) 2,3 & 6 below:

1. Child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was not completed within sixty days of hire.
2. First aid training was not completed within ninety days of hire.
3. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training was not completed within ninety days of hire.
4. The child abuse and neglect recognition and prevention training was expired.
5. The first aid training was expired.
6. The CPR training was expired.

Refer to the Employee Record Chart for the name(s) of the child care staff member(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: 06/17/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 Medication Administration

Requirement: The program is required to remove all medication, medical foods and topical products that are no longer being administered or have expired. The program is also required to maintain current documentation to administer medications, medical foods and topical products.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that medication, medical foods and/or topical products did not meet the requirement(s) for administering medication, medical foods, and/or medical products as noted in number(s) 2 below:

1. The medication, medical food, or topical product was no longer needed and had not been removed from the program.

2. The medication, medical food, or topical product had expired and had not been removed from the program.

3. The prescription label had expired.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/17/2026

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.

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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	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 Fire Inspection	Compliant	

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 Applicable	

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
5180:2-12-09 Background Check Requirements	Compliant	

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

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
5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	

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	Not Verified	

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	Not Verified	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Supervision	Not Verified	

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 Applicable	

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	