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 Great Beginnings Academy	Program Number 2220027003	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 100 Outerbelt Street Columbus OH 43213		County FRANKLIN

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 08/05/2026	Begin Time 9:40 AM	End Time 2:05 PM	Reviewer: Andrea Clark

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 67	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 12		No. Requirements Compliant 52
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 3	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 8	No. Technical Assistance Provided 5

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)		13	0	13
Young Toddler		13	0	13
Total Under 2 ½ Years	128	26	0	26
Older Toddler		6	0	6
Preschool		58	0	58
School Age		26	0	26
Total Capacity/Enrollment	170	90	0	116

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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 10	In Compliance	Nap ratio @ 12:00 PM.
Infants	0 to < 12 months	2 to 10	In Compliance	Arrival ratio @ 9:40 AM.
Toddler 1	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 9	Out of Compliance	Nap ratio @ 12:00 PM.
Toddler 1	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 9	In Compliance	Arrival ratio @ 9:40 AM.
Toddler 2	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 12	In Compliance	Arrival ratio @ 9:40 AM.
Toddler 2	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 12	In Compliance	Nap ratio @ 12:00 PM.
Early Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 5	In Compliance	Arrival ratio @ 9:40 AM.
Early Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 5	In Compliance	Nap ratio @ 12:00 PM.
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 17	In Compliance	Arrival ratio @ 9:40 AM.
Preschool	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 17	In Compliance	Nap ratio @ 12:00 PM.
Pre-K	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 8	In Compliance	Nap ratio @ 12:00 PM.
Pre-K	4 years to < 5 years	2 to 18	In Compliance	Arrival ratio @ 9:40 AM.
School Age	School-Age to < 11 years	2 to 18	In Compliance	Arrival ratio @ 9:40 AM.
School Age	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 17	In Compliance	Nap ratio @ 2:05 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: **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(s) for 9 children was determined to have occurred for the Toddler 1 group that included a child under 18 months.

The following was observed: Ratio was doubled while children were napping for a group that included at least one infant.

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: 09/04/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment

Requirement: The program is required to store chemicals and machinery in a place that is inaccessible to children. The program is required to provide an outdoor play area away from machinery in operation.

Finding: "During the inspection, a potentially hazardous item or toxic substance was used or stored in unlocked cabinet accessible to children where children had access to it.

The following was observed: Bleach (Toddler 1 classroom) & aerosol can (Pre-K classroom).

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: 09/04/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Storage

Requirement: The program is required to store medication out of the reach of children.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a medication, inhaler, was within the reach of children in the Early Preschool room. All medications must be stored out of the reach of children. Create procedures that assure medications will always be inaccessible to children. 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: 09/04/2026

Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records

Requirement: The program is required to maintain a record of the arrival and departure of each child. The program is also required to retain the original attendance record at the center for a period of one year.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for keeping an attendance record.

The following was observed: The record did not include the correct birth date of at least one child..

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have all staff and children wash their hands as outlined in rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that handwashing requirements were not followed as required in rule.

The following was observed: At least one child did not wash their hands after returning inside after outdoor play.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Equipment and Environment

Requirement: The program is required to provide enough cots or mats for each child in attendance to be assigned their individual cot/mat. Cots and mats must be firm, resilient, and in good condition.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that cots or mats did not meet the requirements.

The following was observed: Children were sleeping on the floor in the School Age classroom.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

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

Requirement: The program is required to provide fall zones around equipment to prevent injury if a child were to fall.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the fall zone under and around equipment designated for climbing, swinging, balancing and sliding did not meet the requirements.

The following was observed: All loose fill materials were not raked to retain their proper distribution, shock-absorbing properties and to remove foreign material.

The program is required to provide adequate fall zones under and around outdoor play equipment at all times. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Domain: **05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions

Requirement: The program is required to have a first aid kit onsite.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined first aid kit(s) at the program had missing items that are required by this rule to be contained in a first aid kit.

The following was observed: 1. A working digital thermometer was missing. 2. Adhesive tape was missing.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation

Requirement: The program is required to obtain written instructions from parents regarding feeding their infant.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that written instructions for feeding the infants noted on the Children Record Review were missing information.

The following was observed: Written instructions were not on file.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**

Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care

Requirement: The program is required to provide infant daily care that meets the requirements of the rule.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the program's infant daily care did not meet the requirements of this rule.

The following was observed: Infants could not safely and comfortably sit, crawl, toddle, or walk and play according to the

infant's stage of development..

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: 09/04/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Documentation

Requirement: The program staff is required to obtain signed written permission prior to administering topical products and lotions other than hand sanitizer to be used by children older than twenty-four months and lip balm.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not obtain signed written permission from the parent prior to administering topical products and lotions, other than hand sanitizer to be used by children older than twenty-four months and lip balm. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records

Requirement:The program is required to maintain a record of the arrival and departure of each child. The program is also required to retain the original attendance record at the center for a period of one year.
Findings:During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for keeping an attendance record.
The following was observed: The record did not include the correct birth date of at least one child..

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.
Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**
Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment
Requirement:The program is required to store chemicals and machinery in a place that is inaccessible to children. The program is required to provide an outdoor play area away from machinery in operation.
Findings:"During the inspection, a potentially hazardous item or toxic substance was used or stored in unlocked cabinet accessible to children where children had access to it.
The following was observed: Bleach (Toddler 1 classroom) & aerosol can (Pre-K classroom).
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."
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Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Handwashing Requirements
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Findings:During the inspection, it was determined that handwashing requirements were not followed as required in rule.

The following was observed: At least one child did not wash their hands after returning inside after outdoor play.

Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.
Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**
Rule: 5180:2-12-20 Cots and Napping - Equipment and Environment
Requirement:The program is required to provide enough cots or mats for each child in attendance to be assigned their individual cot/mat. Cots and mats must be firm, resilient, and in good condition.
Findings:During the inspection, it was determined that cots or mats did not meet the requirements.
The following was observed: Children were sleeping on the floor in the School Age classroom.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**
Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones
Requirement:The program is required to provide fall zones around equipment to prevent injury if a child were to fall.
Findings:During the inspection, it was determined the fall zone under and around equipment designated for climbing, swinging, balancing and sliding did not meet the requirements.

The following was observed: All loose fill materials were not raked to retain their proper distribution, shock-absorbing properties and to remove foreign material.

The program is required to provide adequate fall zones under and around outdoor play equipment at all times.
Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.
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Domain: **05 Health & Safety**
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions
Requirement:The program is required to have a first aid kit onsite.
Findings:During the inspection, it was determined first aid kit(s) at the program had missing items that are required by this rule to be contained in a first aid kit.

The following was observed: 1. A working digital thermometer was missing. 2. Adhesive tape was missing.

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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.
Findings:During the inspection, it was determined the copy of a driver's license on file at the program was expired but the driver was able to provide a copy of their current licensed during the inspection. Technical assistance was offered to support compliance. As discussed, please make the necessary corrections. A written response is not required at this time.

Domain: **07 Diapering & Infant Care**
Rule: 5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation
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Findings:During the inspection, it was determined that written instructions for feeding the infants noted on the Children Record Review were missing information.
The following was observed: Written instructions were not on file.
Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.
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Requirement:The program is required to provide infant daily care that meets the requirements of the rule.
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The following was observed: Infants could not safely and comfortably sit, crawl, toddle, or walk and play according to the
infant's stage of development..
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: 09/04/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**
Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Documentation
Requirement:The program staff is required to obtain signed written permission prior to administering topical products and lotions other than hand sanitizer to be used by children older than twenty-four months and lip balm.
Findings:During the inspection, it was determined the program did not obtain signed written permission from the parent prior to administering topical products and lotions, other than hand sanitizer to be used by children older than twenty-four months and lip balm. Submit the program's corrective action plan to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.
Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/04/2026

Domain: **09 Children's Files**
Rule: 5180:2-12-25 2026 Medication Storage
Requirement:The program is required to store medication out of the reach of children.
Findings:During the inspection, it was determined that a medication, inhaler, was within the reach of children in the Early Preschool room. All medications must be stored out of the reach of children. Create procedures that assure medications will always be inaccessible to children. 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.
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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: 03 Postings & Equipment

Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment

Requirement: The program is required to have enough equipment for all children in care.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not have an adequate number of materials and/or equipment in each category 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: 5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements

Requirement: The program staff is required to have educational verification on file at the program.

Findings: During the inspection, it was determined the employee's education document verifying completion of high school education is not complete or 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: 5180:2-12-08 Staff Immunization Records

Requirement: The program is required to have every employee provide immunization records.

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Findings: During the inspection, it was determined verification of staff immunization 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: 5180:2-12-08 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.

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
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
5180:2-12-04 Building Department Inspection	Compliant	

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	Compliant	

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	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	

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

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	Compliant	

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-15 Child Health Care Plans	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-16 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-17 Daily Outdoor Play	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
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Meal Preparation and Nutritional Requirements	Compliant	

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 Fluid Milk Requirements	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	Compliant	

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

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

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

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
5180:2-12-15 Child Enrollment Records	Compliant	

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

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
5180:2-12-23 Diapering and Toilet Training - Practices	Compliant	

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	