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 Blue Stars Academy LLC	Program Number 2220027399	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1993 Zettler Center Dr Columbus OH 43223		County FRANKLIN

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Follow-up	Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 05/29/2026	Begin Time 11:00 AM	End Time 12:45 PM	Reviewer: JO ELLEN MORTON-CONRAD

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 5	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 5		No. Requirements Compliant 0
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 4	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 2	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)		10	0	10
Young Toddler		6	0	6
Total Under 2 ½ Years	25	16	0	16
Older Toddler		2	0	2
Preschool		8	0	8
School Age		0	17	17
Total Capacity/Enrollment	49	10	17	43

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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
infant/toddler	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	In Compliance	10a
infant/toddler	0 to < 12 months	1 to 4	In Compliance	12p
PS	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 5	In Compliance	10a
PS	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 5	In Compliance	12pm
SA	School-Age to < 11 years	0 to 7	In Compliance	staff member answered door
SA	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 7	In Compliance	
SA	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 7	In Compliance	12p

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 Fire Inspection

Requirement: The program is required to have all spaces used for child care inspected by the fire department or the state fire marshal's office prior to serving children. The program is required to obtain a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection. If violations are noted during the inspection, the program is required to have all violations corrected and have the program re-inspected to obtain a completed fire form.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined the program did not meet the requirements for fire inspection as noted in number(s) 1 below:

1. The program did not have documentation on file for a fire inspection without any uncorrected violations within 12 months from the date of the last fire inspection and the request for the new inspection was not made at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the previous fire inspection.

2. The documentation for the most recent fire inspection contained violations that had not been corrected.

3. The [ ] space was being used and had not been approved by the fire department or the state fire marshal's office for child care.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes an updated fire inspection without any uncorrected violations, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/29/2026

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 0 child care staff member(s) for 7 children was determined to have occurred for the SA group when the situation in number(s) 1 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.

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Domain: **05 Health & Safety**

Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements

Requirement: Meals and snacks provided or served by the program must include all required food groups and meet the recommended daily dietary allowances as specified by the USDA.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that a meal or snack at the program did not meet the requirements as noted in number(s) 7 below:

1. The breakfast served did not include foods from three of the four food groups.

2. Snack served did not include foods from two of the four food groups.

3. The meal did not provide 1/3 of the recommended daily dietary allowances as specified by the USDA.

4. Juice used to meet the fruit or snack component was not 100% undiluted fruit or vegetable juice.

5. The meal served did not include an item from the meat or meat alternative group.

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9. The meal served did not include a serving of fluid milk.

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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) 3 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.

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Other Non-Compliances

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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 as listed in number(s) 2-7 below:

1. No attendance record was being maintained.

2. The attendance record was not being consistently completed.

3. The record did not include the name of at least one child.

4. The record did not include the birth date of at least one child.

5. The record did not include the assigned group.

6. The record did not include the child's weekly schedule.

7. The record did not include the time (hours and minutes) of each child's arrival and departure to the program, including transportation by the program.

8. The original attendance record was not kept at the program for a period of one year.

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Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the method for tracking children in each group did not meet the requirements of the rule as noted in number(s) 4 below:

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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.

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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	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-04 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
5180:2-12-03 Inspection Requirements	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-07 Administrator Qualifications	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 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 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
5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	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
5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Play Fall Zones	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 Smoke Free Environment	Not Verified	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures	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 - 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	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 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
5180:2-12-16 Incident/Injury Reporting	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
5180:2-12-17 Daily Schedule	Not Verified	

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

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

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

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

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-19 Child Guidance and Behavior Management	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 Safe Food Handling/Storage	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
5180:2-12-23 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	