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 Blended Minds Learning Academy	Program Number 2240030512	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 3777 S High St Columbus OH 43206		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 10:30 AM	End Time 12:44 PM	Reviewer: Darcie Schofield

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 12	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 5		No. Requirements Compliant 6
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 2	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 4	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)		9	1	10
Young Toddler		7	0	7
Total Under 2 ½ Years	94	16	1	17
Older Toddler		8	0	8
Preschool		21	0	21
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	167	29	0	46

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Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
Toddler Room 9	30 months to < 36 months	1 to 7	In Compliance	10:05am
Toddler Room 9	30 months to < 36 months	2 to 8	In Compliance	11:45am
Infant Room 5	12 months to < 18 months	2 to 6	In Compliance	10:05am Combined with Young Toddler Room 10
Infant Room 5	12 months to < 18 months	1 to 6	In Compliance	11:45am Combined with Young Toddler Room 10
Infant Room 6	0 to < 12 months	1 to 5	In Compliance	10:05
Infant Room 6	0 to < 12 months	1 to 5	In Compliance	11:45
Preschool Room 2	3 years to < 4 years	2 to 13	In Compliance	10:05 Combined with Preschool Room 3
Preschool Room 2	3 years to < 4 years	1 to 12	In Compliance	11:45 Combined with Preschool Room 3
Young Toddlers Room 10	18 months to < 30 months	2 to 6	In Compliance	10:05am Combined with Older Infants Room 5 (1 older infant and 5 young toddlers)
Young Toddlers Room 10	18 months to < 30 months	1 to 6	In Compliance	11:45 Combined with Older Infants Room 5 (1 older infant and 5 young toddlers)

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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: 5180:2-12-19 Supervision

Requirement: The program staff is required to supervise children in their assigned group by sight and hearing. Supervision includes being near enough to respond and reach children immediately and protecting them from harm.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that children were left unattended while inside the program as noted in number 2 below:

1. A child was left unattended once.

2. Children were left unattended more than once (a preschool child was alone in the office; a toddler was alone in the open area outside the bathroom)

3. Child(ren) left the group and were unattended.

4. Child care staff were using a baby monitor to supervise children.

5. Child care staff were using a walkie talkie to supervise children.

6. Child care staff were using mirrors to view children in another room.

7. Child care staff were using a video camera instead of physically being present in the room.

8. Other [ ].

Children must be supervised and within sight and hearing of a child care staff member at all times. 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 1, 2 and 3 below:

1. The request for a background check for child care was not submitted in the OPR (for a staff member and an individual service provider).

2. The fingerprints were not submitted electronically according to the process established by BCI (for an individual service provider).

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

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

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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 as listed in number 2 below:

1. No attendance record was being maintained.

2. The attendance record was not being consistently completed in Infant 5.

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.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 07/04/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment

Requirement: The program is required to refrain from placing indoor swings, slides, climbers, and climbing apparatus directly over a hard surface. Shock absorbent protective covering, intended to be a fall surface per manufacturer's guidelines, shall be placed and used under the equipment.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that indoor swings, slides, climbers, and climbing apparatus did not have required shock absorbent protective covering under and around the equipment as noted in number 1 below:

1. A shock absorbent protective covering was not used under the soft climber in the Infant 5 room.

2. The mats were not at least one and one-half inches thick for equipment over three feet high.

3. The mats were not used according to the manufacturer's guidelines.

4. Other [ ].

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 07/04/2026

Domain: **02 Safe & Sanitary Environment**

Rule: 5180:2-12-13 Sanitary Equipment and Environment

Requirement: The program is required to provide a clean restroom with the appropriate materials available.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that unsanitary conditions, as noted in number 9 below, were in the children's restroom:

1. There was no liquid soap.

2. There was no toilet paper.

3. There were no paper towels.

4. The toilet cleaning brush was accessible to the children.

5. The plunger was accessible to the children.

6. The toilet(s) were not flushed.

7. The trash was not emptied from the day before.

8. There was a strong urine odor.

9. Other: floors were dirty; a toilet was not clean; and there was toilet paper on the floor.

The restroom(s) must be kept sanitary at all times. Technical assistance was provided at the time of the inspection, and as discussed, please correct this rule noncompliance. A written response for this rule noncompliance is not required at this time.

Domain: 08 Staff Files

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

Requirement: The program is required to maintain a current JFS 01176 "Program Notification of Background Check Review for Child Care" on file for each staff.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that background check requirements had not been followed, for the individual(s) listed on the Employee Record Chart, as noted in number 1 below:

1. The JFS 01177 "Individual Notification of Background Check Review for Child Care" was on file instead of the JFS 01176 (for a contracted substitute teacher).

2. The JFS 01176 on file was for a different program.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a statement that the correct form is now on file, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 07/04/2026

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.

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 Fire Inspection	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
5180:2-12-05 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
Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Cleaning supplies were viewed stored out of the reach of children.

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 Applicable	

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
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Staff/child ratios observed during the inspection were in compliance.

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
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Group Size	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The group sizes observed on the day of the inspection were in compliance.

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
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Compliant	

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
Rule: 5180:2-12-22 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program served the following: hot dogs with a bun, broccoli, peaches and milk.

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	