Ohio 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 Owls Montessori School	Program Number 2260033284	Program Type Child Care Center
Address 1458 Tiki Lane Lancaster OH 43130		County FAIRFIELD

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Pre-license	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Announced
Inspection Date 05/11/2026	Begin Time 10:30 AM	End Time 1:05 PM	Reviewer: Darcie Schofield

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 57	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 4		No. Requirements Compliant 22
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 0	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 0	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)		0	0	0
Young Toddler		0	0	0
Total Under 2 ½ Years	28	0	0	0
Older Toddler		0	0	0
Preschool		0	0	0
School Age		0	0	0
Total Capacity/Enrollment	60	0	0	0

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**

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: **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, potentially hazardous items and toxic substances were stored in an unlocked storage shed on the playground where children had access to them, as noted in number(s) 4, 9, 10, and 11 below.

1. Bleach.

2. Cleaning agent.

3. Fish tank chemicals.

4. Gasoline.

5. Pesticide.

6. Poison, including insect/rodent poison.

7. Flammable substance.

8. Windshield washer fluid.

9. Aerosol cans.

10. A lawn mower.

11. A weed trimmer.

12. Hedge trimmers.

13. A snow blower.

14. Other potentially hazardous substance, equipment or machinery: [ ].

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: 06/27/2026

Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from immediate risk.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that an outdoor play area was used which was not protected from traffic and other hazards by a fence in good repair, or other barrier. Although the fence or natural barrier was not meeting the rule requirements, it was determined to not present an immediate risk for a child to be able to leave the

playground. The fence or gate was not in good repair and/or being used inappropriately as noted in numbers 1 and 12 below:

1. The wooden fencing had missing/broken slat boards and a hole under the fence (on the main playground).

2. The fencing was broken.

3. The fencing was loose.

4. The fencing was rotting.

5. The gate was broken and did not close.

6. The gate was locked.

7. The latch on the gate was broken.

8. The latch was easily opened by children on the playground.

9. The latch was not engaged to prevent children from opening the gate.

10. The gate had no latch.

11. There were bolts with more than two threads exposed along a fence line or gate on a playground

12. Other: The gate on the courtyard play space did not have an appropriate latch.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/27/2026

Domain: **04 Indoor/Outdoor Space**

Rule: 5180:2-12-11 Outdoor Space Requirements

Requirement: The program is required to have an outdoor play space free from trash and foreign objects.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the outdoor play space was not free of trash or foreign objects as noted in numbers 11, 15, 16, 17 and 18 below:

1. The outdoor area was littered with trash.

2. The trash can was missing a lid.

3. The trash can was not emptied from the day(s) before.

4. The trash can was overflowing with trash.

5. The trash can was infested with insects.

6. The trash can was visibly dirty.

7. There was broken glass.

8. There were tall weeds.

9. There was poison ivy.

10. There were tree branches.

11. There was mold/green growth visible on the metal fence.

12. There were thistles with prickers.

13. There were bird droppings.

14. The sandbox was contaminated.

15. Other: There was chipping/peeling paint on the side of the building in the court yard play space.

16. Other: The wooden timbers bordering the climber space and the around the monkey bars were cracked and splintered and had ground spikes protruding.

17. Other: The wooden timbers bordering around the cement deck off the toddler room were cracked/splintered.

18: Other: The AC unit was accessible.

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

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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 as noted in number 1 below:

1. The fall surface material had not been properly distributed or raked as needed to retain proper depth under and around equipment (under the swings).

2. A fall zone hazard was present, in that, the [ ] posed a risk of injury if a child were to fall from a piece of equipment.

3. The fall zone was less than 3 feet from the fence for equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.

4. The fall zone was less than 6 feet from the fence for equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.

5. There was not a fall zone of 3 feet in all directions from the perimeter of the equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.

6. There was not a fall zone of 6 feet in all directions from the perimeter of the equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.

7. The fall zone was less than 4 1/2 feet from each piece of applicable equipment used by children 23 months of age and younger.

8. The fall zone was less than 9 feet from each piece of applicable equipment used by children 24 months of age and older.

9. Other [ ].

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: 06/27/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180:2-12-08 Medical Statement

Requirement: The program staff's medical statements are required to be completed and on file at the program.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that the medical statements for the employees listed on the Employee Record Chart did not meet the requirements as listed in number 1 below.

1. A medical statement was not on file for at least one employee;

2. The medical statement(s) on file did not have a date of examination within 12 months of the employee's first day of employment;

3. Date of examination was missing;

4. Signature, business address, or telephone number of the licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice nurse, certified midwife, or certified nurse practitioner who completed the examination was missing;

5. A statement was missing that verifies the employee is:

a. Physically fit for employment in a program caring for children;

b. Immunized against Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap);

c. Immunized against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR);

6. Tuberculosis (TB) screening/test information was missing:

a. Documentation of the screening process to determine if the employee resided in a country identified by the world health organization as having a high burden of TB and arrived in the United States within the five years preceding the date of application for employment.

b. Results of a TB test for employees meeting both criteria in 6a.

c. Results of additional testing for employees with a positive TB test.

d. Written statement, signed by a representative of the TB control unit, that the employee's TB is no longer infectious or the individual is receiving a TB treatment regimen for employees with a positive TB test.

Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed employee medical statement, or TB results/documentation, to the Department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 06/27/2026

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
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Written Disaster Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program's written disaster plan was reviewed during the inspection and met the requirements.

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
Rule: 5180:2-12-04 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The program has obtained a food service exemption status from the local health department.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-07 Written Program Policies and Procedures	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The written policies and procedures reviewed on the day of the inspection were verified as complete.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-08 Child Care Staff Member Educational Requirements	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 Health Training 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	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-11 Separation of Children Under 2 1/2 Years	Not Applicable	

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-12 Safe Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Equipment was observed to be in good condition.

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 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A notice was observed posted stating that smoking is prohibited at the program.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-12-13 Toothbrushing Requirements	Not Applicable

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Driver Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-14 Transportation - Vehicle Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the complete prescribed JFS 01242 “Medical, Dental, and General Emergency Plan For Child Care” were posted in the program as required.

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
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The JFS 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" was posted and was readily available to staff and parents.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-16 First Aid/Standard Precautions	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program had complete first aid kits available as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-17 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: Sufficient equipment was observed in all categories.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The Appendix A “Staff/Child Ratios, Age Grouping and

Maximum Group Size" was posted in a noticeable area at the program as required.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-20 Cribs	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Fluid Milk Requirements	Not Applicable	

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 Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-22 Safe Food Handling/Storage	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Daily Care	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-12-23 Infant Bottle and Food Preparation	Not Applicable	

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