Department of Children & Youth

Complaint Inspection Summary 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 Complaint	Inspection Scope Partial	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date	Begin Time	End Time	Reviewer:

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 5	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 4		No. Requirements Compliant
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 1	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 5	No. Technical Assistance Provided

Staff-Child Ratios at the Time of Inspection				
Group	**Age Group/Range**	**Ratio Observed**	**Compliance**	**Comment**
School Age	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 3		Arrival: three school age children were in the lunch room (next to the larger group in the toddler room) with one staff member having a snack.
School Age	School-Age to < 11 years	1 to 10		12pm

Toddlers	30 months to < 36 months	2 to 5		12pm 2 toddlers, 3 younger preschoolers
Toddlers	30 months to < 36 months	2 to 19		Arrival: the preschool group and part of the school age group were with toddlers in the toddler room.
Preschool	4 years to < 5 years	1 to 6		12 pm

Complaint Allegations

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.

No Allegations were substantiated during this inspection.

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 two child care staff member(s) for nineteen children was determined to have occurred for the combined group in the toddler classroom.

The following was observed: the ratio determined for the combined toddler, preschool and school age group was two child care staff members for nineteen children in a group that included two toddlers.

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: 08/13/2026

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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 Group Size

Requirement: The program is required to maintain the appropriate group size for each group of children served.

Finding: During the inspection, group size limitations were not maintained for the combined group of toddlers, preschoolers and school age children, as it was determined there were 19 children grouped together in the toddler room.

The group size shall not exceed twice the maximum number of children allowed per Child Care Staff Member.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/13/2026

Domain: 01 Ratio & Supervision

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Group Size

Requirement: The program must ensure 35 square feet per child is maintained when combining multiple groups of children in a shared undivided space.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined multiple groups of children over two and one half years were combined in a shared, undivided space and the group exceeded the 35 square feet per child limitation specific to the space.

It was observed that there were 19 children in attendance at one time and the program's usable floor space for the toddler room allowed for 11 children in this space.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/13/2026

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.

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

The following was observed: The attendance record was not being consistently maintained.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/13/2026

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180:2-12-18 Attendance Records

Requirement: The program is required to have a method for tracking the children in each group. The tracking method must be updated throughout the day and kept with the group at all times.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the method for tracking children in each group did not meet the requirements of the rule.

The following was observed: Part of the school age group was in the lunch room having snack and did not have a method of tracking with the group.

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

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/13/2026

Domain: **06 Program Information**

Rule: 5180:2-12-14 Transportation and Field Trip Procedures

Requirement: The program is required to have identification, including the program's name, address, and a contact phone number, on children while on trips.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that the children were not provided with any program identification, while on a field trip. The identification must include the program's name, address, and a telephone number to contact in the event the child becomes lost. Submit the program's corrective action plan to verify compliance with the requirement of the rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 08/13/2026