Department of Children & Youth

Licensing Inspection Full Report

Program Details		
Program Type: Pre School	Program Name: Independence Elementary School	Program Number: 1000020691
Address: 615 Tremont Ave Lima OH 45801		County: ALLEN
Organization Name: Lima City	Org IRN: 044222	Site IRN: 000470

Inspection Information		
Inspection Type Annual	Inspection Scope: Full	Inspection Notice: Unannounced
Visit Date: 03/10/2026	Begin Time: 9:30 AM	End Time: 12:15 PM

The most recent written compliance reports and the program's corrective action plan shall remain posted in a conspicuous place near the posted program license until the next compliance report is received from the department

Note: All documented non-compliances are grouped as Serious, Moderate and Low risk violations. A serious risk non-compliance may impact a program's Step up to Quality rating.

Summary of Findings		
Number of Rules Verified: 178	Number of Rules with Non-Compliances: 3	
Serious Risk Non-Compliances: 0	Moderate Risk Non-Compliances: 2	Low Risk Non-Compliances: 1

Summary of Non-Compliances

If a program disagrees with a licensing finding, the program may request a review of the finding(s). The request for review must be submitted within seven business days from the receipt of the licensing report. In addition, if the program is star rated, the rating may be impacted if a serious risk non-compliance is cited.

Serious Risk Non-Compliances

No Serious Risk Non-Compliances were observed during this inspection

Moderate Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180-37:04 Preschool special education law requirements

Code: This rule requires a preschool special education program to meet the child/staff ratio requirements of section?3323.022?of the Revised Code and rule?3301-51-11?of the Administrative Code.

Findings: During the inspection, the preschool special education program did not meet requirements of section 3323.022 of the Revised Code and rule 3301-51-11 of the Administrative Code. Classroom A104 was identified as an integrated classroom however; the current enrollment is 8 IEP students and 4 typical peers.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/10/2026

Domain: **01 Ratio & Supervision**

Rule: 5180-37:05 Children supervised during travel times

Code: This rule requires that groups of children are supervised during the use of and traveling to and from the play area

Findings: During the inspection, it was observed that a child was not supervised during traveling from the office to the classroom and out to the playground.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/10/2026

Low Risk Non-Compliances

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37:04 Non-guilty non-conviction statement

Code: This rule requires any individual who may have an assigned schedule with a preschool child (or group) or may be used to count in ratio is obligated to have a signed non-guilty non-conviction statement on a prescribed form signed annually.

Findings: During the inspection and review of staff files, individuals used in ratio did not have a non-guilty non-conviction statement signed annually.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 04/10/2026

Rules in Compliance/Not Verified

Rule: 5180-37:03 Written philosophy and goals	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Parent handbook	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:03 Developmental progress and parent teacher conferences	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:03 Written curriculum adopted and aligned	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:02 Written compliance report posted	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Program operation	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff Non-Discrimination	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:03 Daily Schedule	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:03 Nap/Rest-Time Requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Director onsite fifty percent of operating hours	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff supervision	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Director qualifications	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Director responsibilities	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Lead teacher assigned	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Special education teacher requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Substitute requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Individuals used in ratio	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Annual in-service requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff minimum requirements	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37:04 Orientation training	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Required background checks	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff Medical statement	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff with required health and safety trainings	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Background check updates	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Second adult requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Staff/child ratio maintained at all times	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Licensed staff in-service requirement	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Nap/rest time ratio requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Ratio and Group size: Special education classroom	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Ratio and Group size: Integrated classroom	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Approved trainer requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:04 Intervention specialist caseload	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Outdoor play space	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Center cleaning and sanitizing	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Phone available	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Safe play space available	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Play space free of hazards	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Exclusive use of preschool space	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37:06 Safe and sanitary equipment and materials	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Square footage and maximum capacity	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Annual fire inspection	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Public access areas	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Ratio maintained at all times	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Electrical outlets	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Smoking prohibited	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Adequate first-aid supplies	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Materials selected independently	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Cleaning and sanitizing supplies	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:05 Indoor space minimum requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Potty chair requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Safe handling, storage, and disposal of bio-contaminants	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:06 Cot or Mat requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5108-37:06 Furniture and equipment	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Governing body written policies	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Program policies and procedures	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Appropriate policies for children	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Staff policies	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37:07 Emergency numbers posting	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Developmentally appropriate program planning	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Policies address children's cumulative records	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Admission procedures	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Health and safety procedures	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Organized school health services	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Emergency procedure postings and records	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Immunization records and emergency medical authorization requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Parent Roster	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Behavior management/discipline policy requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Communicable Disease Policy requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Transportation and field trip policies	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Unlimited parent access	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Parent Roster permission	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Medical and dental emergency procedure posting	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 List of allergies and treatment	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 First-aid Facilities and Materials	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Handwashing and disposable towels or air hand dryer available	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37-08 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Supervising grounds, play areas, and other facilities	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Written medication policy requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Written procedures for incident and injury reporting	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:07 Parent permission for topical products	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Immunization records	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 List of prescription or nonprescription medications, food supplements, modified diets, or fluoride supplements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 List of chronic physical problems and history of hospitalization	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 List of child diseases	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Names and telephone numbers of physician and dentist	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Emergency medical and dental care transportation	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Daily attendance records	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Injury report	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Cumulative record requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Child medical signed by licensed physician	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37-08 Medication authorization	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Food license	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37:09 Menus	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Choice of two required food groups for snack	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Modified diet accommodations	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Snack service time	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Nutritious snack choices provided to parents	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Screen time during meal or snack time	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Snack nutritional requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Snacks and meals to children attending four or more hours	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable disease chart posted	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:10 Reporting abuse policy	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable disease policy: Training staff	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:10 Staff responsibility for discipline	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable Disease Policy: Exposure to a communicable disease	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:10 Discipline restrictions	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable Disease Policy: Readmitting an ill child	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable Disease Policy: Ill child isolation requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:09 Policy regarding providing food when parent does not provide it	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable Disease Policy: Parent notification of illness	*Compliant*

Rule: 5180-37:10 Discipline policy ensures well being of individuals	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:10 Written discipline policy requirements	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:10 Staff receive discipline policy	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable Disease Policy: Symptoms of illness for isolation and discharge	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:10 Discipline policy/ behavior management communication and written consent to parent	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable Disease Policy: Symptoms of illness for isolation	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Children observed for communicable disease upon	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:11 Communicable Disease Policy: Mildly ill child	*Compliant*
Rule: 5180-37:08 Child medical statement	*Compliant*