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 Horizon Science Academy Youngstown	Program Number 1260033724	Program Type Pre School
Address 4490 Norquest Blvd Austintown OH 44515		County MAHONING

Organization Name:	Org IRN:	Site IRN:
Horizon Science Academy Youngstown	011986	011986

Inspection Information			
Inspection Type Pre-license	Inspection Scope Full	Inspection Method On-site Inspection	Inspection Notice Unannounced
Inspection Date 08/10/2026	Begin Time 1:00 PM	End Time 3:38 PM	Reviewer: SHELLY WILLIAMS

Summary of Findings			
No. Requirements Verified 69	No. Requirements with Non-compliances 4		No. Requirements Compliant 53
No. Serious Risk 0	No. Moderate Risk Findings 1	No. Other Non-compliance Findings 3	No. Technical Assistance Provided 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: 08 Staff Files

Rule: 5180-37-04 Background Check Requirements

Requirement: 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 meet the requirements as prescribed in section 3301.541 of the Revised Code and if applicable, rehabilitation criteria as described in rules 3301-20-01 and 3301-20-03 of the Administrative Code.

Finding: During the inspection, it was determined that individuals used in ratio did not have evidence of criminal background checks that meet the requirements. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the background check results, to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/09/2026

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Other Non-Compliances

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

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37-04 Preschool Staff Member Medical Statement

Requirement: 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 to have evidence of a signed medical statement on file on or before the first day of employment.

Finding: During the inspection and review of staff files, it was determined medical statements for the individuals used to count in ratio listed on the Employee Record Chart did not meet the requirements in that staff medicals are not on file for all employees . Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the medical statement, to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/09/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: 5180-37-04 Health and Safety Training

Requirement: The rule requires the program to ensure staff members complete required health and safety trainings.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that at least one individual counted in ratio or left alone with children had not completed required health and safety training in that, child abuse has not been completed. Refer to the Employee Record Chart for the name(s) of the individual(s) who must complete the required health and safety training(s). Submit the program's corrective action plan to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

Corrective Action Plan Due: 09/09/2026

Domain: **08 Staff Files**

Rule: ORC 3301.531 Preschool Staff Member TB Screening

Requirement: The program is required to have every director, staff member and nonteaching employee provide evidence of tuberculosis (TB) screening prior to the first day of employment. Additional TB testing may be required if the individual meets the screening criteria.

Finding: In review of the staff records, it was determined that the tuberculosis (TB) screening for ( ) of ( ) employees, did not meet the requirement in that 1 employee TB screening questions was not on file.. Submit the program's corrective action plan, which includes a copy of the completed TB results/documentation, to the department to verify compliance with the requirements of this rule.

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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
5180:2-20-02 Education Management Information System Reporting	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-02 Current Information	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-02 License Posted	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-02 License Capacity	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-02 Inspection Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-05 Building Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: On the day of the inspection, the program was operating in compliance with the current building approval(s).

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-05 Fire Inspection	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the program had a current fire inspection on file.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5180-37-04 Group Size	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding group size were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-03 Sleeping and Napping	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding sleeping and napping were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180-37-04 Ratio	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding staff/child ratios were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Supervision	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-08 Attendance Records	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding attendance records were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-10 Child Guidance	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding child guidance and behavior managements practices were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-05 Safe Environment	Compliant	Documenting Statement: A safe environment was observed during the inspection. Children were protected from items and conditions which could threaten their health, safety and well-being.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-05 Sanitary Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-05 Smoke Free Environment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-06 Safe Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-06 Sanitary Equipment	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-07 Handwashing	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding handwashing were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-05 Emergency Phone Numbers	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-06 Materials and Equipment	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-06 Cots and Mats	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-05 Indoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-05 Outdoor Space Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

Rule: 5180:2-20-02 Serious Incident Reporting	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding reporting serious incidents and injuries were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-08 Parent Notification of Incidents/Injuries	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding reporting incidents and injuries were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-09 Meal and Snack Requirements	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180-37-04 Emergency Drills	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding emergency drills were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-06 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
5180:2-20-11 Management of Communicable Disease	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-03 Daily Schedule	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-03 Written Curriculum Adopted and Aligned	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-05 Infant/Toddler Space	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-09 Food Service Requirements	Compliant	Documenting Statement: The food service license was observed posted. Following is the audit number and date of expiration: #0034925 and expires 3/1/27.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-03 Progress Reports and Teacher Conferences	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding child developmental progress reports and parent/teacher conferences were discussed.

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Rule: 5180-37-04 Preschool Director Qualifications	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding director qualifications were discussed. Director will sign up School Based Rules training.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-05 On-site Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-07 Swimming and Water Safety Permission Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-07 Off-site Swimming and Water Safety Requirements	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-06 Cribs - Safe Environment and Practices	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-09 Infant Food and Formula	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180-37-04 Preschool Staff Member Education	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding verification of education for preschool staff members were discussed.

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

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Preschool Director Responsibilities	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Preschool Staff Member Orientation Training	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-08 Child Cumulative Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Professional Development and In-service Training	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-07 Medication Documentation	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-07 Medication Administration Practices	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, the requirements of the rule regarding administering medication, topical products and medical foods were discussed.

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-07 Medication Storage	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable

5180:2-20-08 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-08 Child Immunization Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-08 Child Health Records	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-08 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-03 Written Program Philosophy and Goals	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-03 Parent Notification and Participation Policies	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180-37-04 Staff Non-Discrimination	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-07 Operating Policies and Procedures	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
Rule: 5180:2-20-07 Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan	Compliant	Documenting Statement: During the inspection, documentation that the program had adopted a written safety plan in accordance with section 5502.262 of the Ohio Revised Code and filed it with the Ohio School Safety Center was verified.

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5180:2-20-10 Written Child Guidance Policy	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-11 Written Management of Communicable Disease Policy	Compliant	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-02 Amendments to the License	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-06 Cribs - Placement	Not Applicable	

Rule	Status	Documenting Statement(s), If applicable
5180:2-20-09 Specialized Diets	Compliant	

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