

**Bright from the Start - Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower

Atlanta, GA 30334

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 11/17/2025 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 2:00PM**Departure:** 4:40PM**EX-44277 EXMT-14063 EX-1 - Government
Columbus Parks & Recreation Community
Schools - Downtown Elementary**1400 1st Avenue, Columbus GA 31909 Muscogee
County**Mailing Address**

Same

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Joint with:

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<u>Prevention Action Category</u>	<u>Intermediate Action Category</u>	<u>Dismissal Action Category</u>
11/17/2025	EX-CAPS-Monitoring	NA	Prevention Level 1 (P1)	Intermediate Level 1 (I1)	Dismissal (D)
			Technical Assistance	Corrective Action Plan	Dismissal
				Office Conference	Disqualification
			Prevention Level 2 (P2)	Intermediate Level 2 (I2)	
			Citation	Fine (Level 1 or 2)	
			Plan of Improvement		
			Prevention Level 3 (P3)	Intermediate Level 3 (I3)	

<u>Room Description</u>	<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>Staff Count</u>	<u>Children Count</u>	<u>State Ratio Met</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Cafeteria	, Fours, Fives, Six and older	6	26	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 6

#Children Count: 26

Comments:

Please refer to the Exemption page of the website, <https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/Exemptions.aspx> for information regarding Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the user id for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific standard number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the standard citation, and upload supporting documentation.
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

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The following information is associated with a EX-CAPS-Monitoring:**Activities and Equipment****EX-HS-.A Activities****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.A - Activities appropriate

EX-HS-.F Equipment & Toys**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.F - Equipment Observed Secured

EX-HS-.Q Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CS)**N/A****Comment**

EX-HS-.Q - No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records**EX-HS-.C Children's Records****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.C - Children's records

Exemptions**EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.X - Exemption Requirements

Facility**EX-HS-.B Bathrooms****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.B - Toilets and sinks available

EX-HS-.L Physical Plant(CS)**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.L - Zoning, fire, building approvals observed

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds(CS)**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.M - Observation-Clean/Good Repair

Health and Hygiene

EX-HS-.U Diapering Areas & Practices(CS)	N/A
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Comment

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children enrolled

EX-HS-.H Hygiene	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.H - Discussed handwashing procedures

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)	N/A
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Comment

EX-HS-.I - Medication not dispensed

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.J - Conducted drills documented

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.T - No incidents/injuries requiring reporting

Safety

EX-HS-.E Discipline(CS)	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.E - Age-appropriate discipline policies

EX-HS-.S Field Trips	N/A
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Comment

EX-HS-.S - No field trips

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)	N/A
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Comment

EX-HS-.R - No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

EX-HS-.V Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CS)	N/A
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Comment

EX-HS-.V - No safe sleep policies necessary

Staff Records

EX-HS-.D Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CS)	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.D - Criminal Records Check complete

EX-HS-.G First Aid & CPR(CS)	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.G - First aid and CPR

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.K - Personnel Records maintained

EX-HS-.N Staff Requirements	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.N - Director available

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.P(4)(a-b) - Technical Assistance was provided advising all staff must have 2 hours of language and literacy training by the end of 2025 and then annually every year thereafter.

Staffing and Supervision**EX-HS-.O Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision(CS)****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.O - Observed-Adequate Supervision