

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 8/21/2025**VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 2:50PM**Departure:** 4:00PM**EX-45417 EXMT-10779 EX-1 - Government
DeKalb County Schools ASED - Briarlake**3590 Lavista Road, Decatur GA 30033 DeKalb
County**Mailing Address**

Same

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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
8/21/2025	EX-CAPS-Monitoring	Prevention	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)	

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Art		0	0	Y	
Cafe	, Six and older	1	32	Y	
Gym	PreK, Fives, Six and older	1	32	Y	
Lab		0	0	Y	
Media Center		0	0	Y	
Playground		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 2

#Children Count: 64

Comments:

The child care program is in compliance with the approved exemption category.

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**

Activities appropriate

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

Equipment Observed Secured

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

No Swimming Activities Provided

Children's Records**EX-HS-.C Children's Records****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.C(2) - The provider will ensure they have access to immunization records for review by the department.

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

EX-HS-.X(1) - Observed appropriate posted notices on this date.

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

Toilets and sinks available

EX-HS-.L Physical Plant(CS)**Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS-.L(2) requires the program to be in compliance with applicable laws and regulations issued by the state fire marshal, the proper local fire marshal, or state inspector, including a certificate of occupancy if required prior to receiving any children for care. It was determined based on administrative review that was determined based on administrative review that the program did not provide evidence of compliance with the fire safety agencies and local building authorities on this date. A recent fire inspection was not observed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The program will obtain appropriate approvals and is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations by the state fire marshal, proper local fire marshal, or state inspector, including a certificate of occupancy. All files including the fire inspection will be reviewed on the follow up visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025

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

Observation-Clean/Good Repair

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

No diapered children enrolled

EX-HS-.H Hygiene**Met****Comment**

Hand washing not observed - hand washing discussed

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

Medication not dispensed

Policies and Procedures**EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures****Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS-.J(2) requires programs to conduct drills for fire, tornado, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Program; to have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place, lock-down, and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The program shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years. It was determined based on administrative review that the program could not provide evidence that the program was conducting fire drills.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The program will conduct the drills as required and maintain the documentation of the drills on file for two years. All files including fire drills will be conducted on the follow up visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting**Met****Comment**

No incidents/injuries requiring reporting

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

Observed Age appropriate learning environment

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

No field trips

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

No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

Comment

No infants enrolled

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

EX-HS-.D(1) - Five of five criminal background checks were observed to be complete on this date.

EX-HS-.G First Aid & CPR(CS)**Not Met****Finding**

EX-HS.G(1)(a-b) requires (a) all Staff who provide direct care to children must obtain certification in a biennial training program in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in pediatric first aid within the first 45 days of employment. Current and valid evidence of the successful completion of such training shall be maintained on the Program's premises. The hours obtained completing this certification will not count towards the required annual training hours.

(b) The training must be done by certified or licensed health care professionals or trainers and must deal with the provision of emergency care to infants and children. It was determined based on administrative review that three of five staff members did not complete Pediatric CPR and First Aid.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will ensure all Staff that provide direct care to children obtain pediatric CPR and first aid training within the first 45 days of employment. The training shall be maintained on the Program's premises and must be completed by a certified or licensed health care professional or trainer that deal with the provisions of emergency care to infants and children. develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and pediatric CPR training present, and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and pediatric CPR training by the specified date. All files will be reviewed at the follow up visit.

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025**EX-HS-.K Personnel Records****Met****Comment**

Personnel Records maintained

EX-HS-.N Staff Requirements**Met****Comment**

Director available

EX-HS-.P Staff Training**Technical Assistance****Comment**

EX-HS-.P(3)(a-k) - Five of five staff members have completed Health and Safety training as required.

Technical Assistance

EX-HS-.P(4)(a-b) - The program will ensure that all staff members complete the entire ten hours of required annual training as required.

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

Observed-Appropriate Staff: Child Ratios