

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 4/3/2025**VisitType:** EX-Monitoring**Arrival:** 2:40PM**Departure:** 4:20PM**EX-48726 EXMT-14141 EX-1 - Government
Gordon County Schools - Sonora Elementary**

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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
4/3/2025	EX-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)	

Staff: Child Ratios

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Gym	, Six and older	4	37	Y	
Library		0	0	Y	
Lunch room	, Fives, Six and older	3	25	Y	
Outdoor Area		0	0	Y	
Playground		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 7

#Children Count: 62

Comments:

The program was in compliance with the approved exemption category.

Corrective Action Plan: Developed This Date



Please refer the website, <http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx> , for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about 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

By signing this report I acknowledge that the report was discussed with me and if there are any missing requirements I am responsible for submitting them as outlined to the GACAPS Program.

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), e-mail the following information to CCSRefutations@decal.ga.gov.

1. Facility name, program number and visit date
2. Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
3. Specific standard(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the citation
4. Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date of the visit to the facility.
5. Your refutation will be forwarded to the CCS Exemptions Unit manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 770-293-5977.

Any violation which subjects a child to injury or life threatening situation or continued non-compliance may jeopardize participation in the CAPS program for eligible license-exempt program (government-owned facilities and day camps).

Director/Person-in-charge Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Specialist Signature _____ Date _____

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

A daily planned program of varied and developmentally appropriate activities observed with various teaching methods to accommodate different learning styles.

EX-HS-.F Equipment & Toys(CS)**Met****Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the Program.

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

Program does not provide swimming activities.

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

Observed children's files complete as required, including attendance, and immunization.

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

Observed current fire inspection report and the exemption approval notice posted by the main entrance.

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

Bathrooms located adjacent to child care areas and rooms. The bathrooms were observe to be clean had running water, liquid soap, and paper towel.

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

Program appears clean and well maintained.

Technical Assistance

Discussed maintenance of resilient surface. Please fluff and redistribute under fall zones and swings.

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

N/A

Comment

No diapered children are enrolled.

EX-HS-.H Hygiene

Met

Comment

Hand washing was not observed during the visit but proper hand washing rules were discussed.

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)

Met

Comment

Medication is not dispensed

Policies and Procedures**EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures**

Met

Comment

It was determined that the program provides Parents a copy of the Program's written policies and procedures.

Comment

Observed the Program's written emergency plan and documented emergency drills on this date.

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting

Met

Comment

There were no incidents or injuries that required reporting.

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

Met

Comment

Staff were observed to maintain an age appropriate learning environment on this date.

EX-HS-.S Field Trips

N/A

Comment

No field trips are offered

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)

N/A

Comment

Program does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**EX-HS-.V Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CS)**

N/A

Comment

No infants enrolled and safe sleep policies are not necessary.

Staff Records

Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

Technical Assistance

Staff members first aid and CPR was scheduled for May 2, 2025.

Comment

EX-HS-.K(1) - Observed completed staff files.

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance provided to ensure that staff training are maintain in each staff file.

Staffing and Supervision

Comment

Program observed to maintain appropriate staff: child ratios.