

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 3/10/2026 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS Monitoring Follow-Up**Arrival:** 2:30PM**Departure:** 3:00PM**EX-48795 EXMT-14200 EX-1 - Government
DeKalb County Schools ASED - Woodridge**4120 Cedar Ridge Trail, Stone Mountain GA 30083
DeKalb County**Mailing Address**

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Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	Intermediate Action Category	Dismissal Action Category
3/10/2026	EX-CAPS Monitoring Follow-Up	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
Black Top/ Grassy Area		0	0	Y	
Cafeteria - All Grades		0	0	Y	
Computer Lab		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 0

#Children Count: 0

Comments:

A follow-up monitoring visit was completed on this date. The child care program was found to be 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 FollowUp:

	Facility
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 a review of records, that the Program did not have evidence of a recent Fire Marshal inspection available for review by the Department during the visit. A follow-up review will be completed during the next scheduled monitoring visit to re-evaluate compliance.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Program will obtain appropriate approvals, and ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations by the state fire marshal, proper local fire marshal or state inspector, including a certificate of occupancy, are maintained and met.

Correction Deadline: 12/31/2026**Recited on 3/10/2026**

	Policies and Procedures
EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures	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 a review of records, that the Program did not have evidence of documented fire, severe weather and/or lock down drills available for review by the Department during the visit. A follow-up review will be completed during the next scheduled monitoring visit to re-evaluate compliance.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The program will conduct the drills as required and maintain the documentation of the drills on file for two years.

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EX-HS-.J(3) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Specialist verified, through a review of records, the policy and procedures handbook for parents.

	Staff Records
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Corrected on 3/10/2026

EX-HS-.G(1)(a-b) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The Specialist verified, through a review of records, five of five staff members have completed Pediatric First Aid and CPR training.