

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

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Atlanta, GA 30334

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 10/20/2025 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 2:00PM**Departure:** 4:15PM**EX-44273 EXMT-14065 EX-1 - Government
Columbus Parks & Recreation Community
Schools - Eagle Ridge Elementary**7601 Schomburg Road, Columbus GA 31909
Muscogee County**Mailing Address**

Same

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Joint with:

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Cafeteria	, Fours, Fives, Six and older	7	65	Y	
Computer Room		0	0	Y	
Gym		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 7

#Children Count: 65

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**

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 - Observed children's files as required

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

EX-HS-.X(1) - The exemption approval letter and certificate are both posted adjacent to each other in a prominent area.

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

EX-HS-.B(1) - Bathrooms are located adjacent to the childcare areas. The supplies are within easy reach for the children and equipped with soap, toilet tissue and single-use towels.

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

Comment

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children enrolled

EX-HS-.H Hygiene

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.H - Hand washing not observed - hand washing discussed

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.I - Medication not dispensed

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.J - Conducted drills documented

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting

Met

Comment

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

Safety

EX-HS-.E Discipline(CS)

Met

Comment

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

EX-HS-.S Field Trips

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.S - No field trips

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.R - No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.V - No infants enrolled

Staff Records

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

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.D - Criminal Records Check complete

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

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.G(2)(a-d) - Observed Pediatric/CPR First aid training for staff on this date.

EX-HS-.K Personnel Records

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.K - Personnel Records maintained

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

EX-HS-.N(1) - The Site Coordinator is responsible for the supervision, operation, and maintenance of the program. The Site Coordinator is generally on the premises and if absent at any time during the hours of operation, there is an officially designated person on-site to assume responsibility for the operation of the program.

EX-HS-.P Staff Training**Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.P - Staff training observed

Staffing and Supervision

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

EX-HS-.O - Observed-Adequate Supervision