

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 8/18/2025**VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 1:45PM**Departure:** 3:25PM**EX-45188 EXMT-9896 EX-1 - Government
Sumter County Schools - ASTEP - Sumter
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Compliance Zone Designation			Prevention Action Category	IntermediateAction Category	Dismissal Action Category
8/18/2025	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 (Level1 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
Classroom	, Six and older	2	24	Y	
Computer Lab		0	0	Y	
Gym		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 2

#Children Count: 24

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****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**EX-HS-.C(1)(a-d) - Technical assistance provided regarding ensuring the registration form is complete,
including parent's work phone information.**Exemptions****EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.X(1) - Compliance observed - zoning, fire safety

Facility**EX-HS-.B Bathrooms****Met****Comment**EX-HS-.B(1) - EX-HS-.B(1) - It was determined through observation, 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 - Observation-No Hazards Accessible

EX-HS-.M Playgrounds(CS)

N/A

Comment

EX-HS-.M - No Playground

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 - written emergency plan observed

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

Met

Comment

EX-HS-.S(1) - EX-HS-.S(1) - Checklists, permission forms, emergency contact information and proper check of the attendees before and after transportation were discussed with the Site Coordinator.

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)**

Met

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)

Technical Assistance

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EX-HS-.G(2)(a-d) - Technical assistance provided regarding ensuring at least fifty percent (50%) of the caregiver staff present shall be trained in pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid.

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

EX-HS-.P Staff Training	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.P - Staff training observed

Staffing and Supervision

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

EX-HS-.O - Observed-Adequate Supervision