

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 11/5/2025 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 2:45PM**Departure:** 4:50PM**EX-43888 EXMT-6395 EX-1 - Government
DeKalb County Schools ASED - Evansdale**2914 Evans Woods Drive, Doraville GA 30340
DeKalb County**Mailing Address**

Same

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Joint with:

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
1st Grade		0	0	Y	
2nd Grade		0	0	Y	
3rd Grade		0	0	Y	
4th Grade		0	0	Y	
Cafeteria	PreK, Fives, Six and older	5	81	Y	
Classroom #1		0	0	Y	
Classroom #12		0	0	Y	
Classroom #13		0	0	Y	
Classroom #27		0	0	Y	
Classroom #28		0	0	Y	
Classroom #38		0	0	Y	
Gym		0	0	Y	
Kindergarten		0	0	Y	
Playground 1		0	0	Y	
Playground 2		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 5

#Children Count: 81

Comments:

The child care program is in compliance with the approved exemption category. The provider will submit an amendment for operation hours by November 13, 2025.

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****Not Evaluated****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.C(1)(a-d) - The provider will ensure all fields are completed on the enrollment form.

Comment

EX-HS-.C(2) - The provider has access to immunization records. The immunization record for the child receiving CAPS was observed on file on this date.

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

EX-HS-.X - Compliance observed - zoning, fire safety

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

EX-HS-.B - Toilets and sinks available

EX-HS-.L Physical Plant(CS)**Not Evaluated****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.L(3) - The provider will ensure all cleaning products are not within reach of the children in the program.

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****Not Evaluated****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.J1(a-i) - The program will ensure policies and procedures include head trauma, suspension and expulsion policies.

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 - Observed Age appropriate learning environment

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(1)(a-b) - At least 50% of staff members have Pediatric CPR and First Aid as required. The certificates were observed 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 - Director available

EX-HS-.P Staff Training**Not Evaluated****Finding**

EX-HS-.P(4)(a-b)requires, staff complete annual training (a) Every calendar year after the first year of employment, the Provider, Provisional Employees and Employees shall attend ten (10) clock hours of diverse training which is offered by an accredited college, university or vocational program or other Department-approved source.

(b) The annual ten (10) clock hours of training shall include the following:

1. At least two (2) hours in evidence based, developmentally appropriate language and literacy practices;
2. At least two (2) hours in on-going child development and health and safety related topics, which could include, but not be limited to:

(i) Child development (e.g., developmental domains (cognitive; social and emotional; physical development and motor skills; communication, language, and literacy; approaches to play and learning), discipline and guidance techniques, children with special needs);

(ii) Health (e.g., nutrition and the support of breast feeding, physical activity, prevention and control of illnesses and infectious diseases, immunizations, prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions, cleanliness, sanitation, and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants);

(iii) Safety (e.g., prevention of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) which includes Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and the use of safe sleeping practices, medication administration, injury control and prevention, transportation, handling and storage of hazardous materials, identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic, and emergency preparedness planning and response);

(iv) Child abuse and neglect (e.g., identification and reporting, meeting the needs of abused and/or neglected children, prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma and child maltreatment).

3. No more than two (2) of the required ten (10) hours in business-related topics (e.g., parental communication, recordkeeping, management, business planning).

It was determined by a review of records that seventeen of seventeen staff members did not complete annual training as required.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The program will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed. All staff training will be reviewed at the follow up visit.

Correction Deadline: 1/6/2026**Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.P(5) - Staff members will complete 2 hours of language and literacy training by December 31, 2025.

Staffing and Supervision

EX-HS-.O Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision(CS)**Not Evaluated****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.O(3) - The program will ensure that staff will accompany children in the building at all times. The program will ensure children are supervised at all times while using the bathroom and getting water.