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(Cover Sheet)

Date: 8/5/2026 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring **Arrival:** 2:20PM **Departure:** 4:15PM

EX-44257 EXMT-14061 EX-1 - Government
Columbus Parks & Recreation Community Schools - Dimon Elementary

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Muscogee County

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Joint with:

Compliance Zone Designation		
8/5/2026	EX-CAPS-Monitoring	NA

Prevention Action Category	IntermediateAction Category	Dismissal Action Category
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)**	

Staff: Child Ratios

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
Gym	, Fives, Six and older	3	18	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0 #Staff Count: 3 #Children Count: 18

Comments:
The child care program is in compliance with the 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

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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

EX-HS-.A(1) - Activities & Teaching Methods Not Planned/Varied/Appropriate **Met**

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

EX-HS-.A(2)(a-c) - Individual attention/inadequate response to child's needs **Met**

Individual attention and response to the children's needs were observed on this date.

EX-HS-.A(3) - Activities that are not detrimental **Met**

Activities observed to be appropriate and safe.

EX-HS-.F Equipment & Toys

EX-HS-.F(1)(a-b) - Equipment/Furniture/ Materials Not Safe/ Appropriate **Met**

The equipment, materials and furniture observed to be used appropriately.

EX-HS-.F(2)(a-b) - Indoor Equipment/Furniture-hazardous/not clean **Met**

The indoor equipment observed clean and free of hazards and used by the age-appropriate group on this date.

EX-HS-.Q Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CS)

EX-HS-.Q(1) - Swimming/Wading Pool Accessible To Children (CS) **Not Applicable**

The program does not have swimming activities.

EX-HS-.Q(2)(a-b) - Inadequate Staff: Child Ratio-Water>2 Ft/No Swim test/ No Lifeguard (CS) **Not Applicable**

The program does not have swimming activities.

EX-HS-.Q(3) - Inadequate Staff: Child Ratio-Water< 2Ft (CS) **Not Applicable**

The program does not have swimming activities.

EX-HS-.Q(4)(a-d) - No Additional Adult As Required — **Not Applicable**

The program does not have swimming activities.

EX-HS-.Q(5) - No Local Pool Approvals — **Not Applicable**

The program does not have swimming activities.

EX-HS-.Q(6) - No Parental Permission for Swimming — **Not Applicable**

The program does not have swimming activities.

Children's Records

EX-HS-.C Children's Records

EX-HS-.C(5) - Attendance Records Not Available, Complete, or Maintained — **Met**

Observed documentation of attendance records as required on this date.

Exemptions

EX-HS-.W Exemption Requirements

EX-HS-.W(2) - No Parent Agreement — **Met**

Observed signed parent agreements notifying of program's exempt status.

Facility

EX-HS-.B Bathrooms

EX-HS-.B(1) - Inadequate Number of Toilets/Sinks — **Met**

Adequate number of flush Flush toilets and hand washing sinks with running water observed.

EX-HS-.B(2) - No Bathroom On Floor/Child Care Area — **Met**

Bathrooms located on each floor in or adjacent to child care areas and rooms.

EX-HS-.B(3) - School Age Program-Inadequate # Facilities — **Met**

Bathrooms for school age children observed adequate.

EX-HS-.L Physical Plant(CS)

EX-HS-.L(1) - No Approval for Construction/Work Accessible — **Met**

- - Local approvals were obtained.

EX-HS-.L(2) - Fire Safety No Certificate Of Occupancy — **Met**

Observed fire inspection dated within 12 months.

EX-HS-.L(4) - Clean, free of debris, free of repair **Met**

The program appears clean and well maintained.

EX-HS-.L(6) - Heating and Cooling Equipment Accessible **Met**

Heating and cooling equipment observed inaccessible.

Health and Hygiene

EX-HS-.U Diapering Areas & Practices(CS)

EX-HS-.U(1) - No Hand Washing Sink Adjacent/Flush Sink Used (CS) **Not Applicable**

Diapering procedures were not applicable, as no infants were enrolled in care.

EX-HS-.U(2) - Changing Surface Porous/No Guard or Rails/Not Smooth/Not Cleaned (CS) **Not Applicable**

Diapering practices were not observed, as no infants were not enrolled.

EX-HS-.U(3) - Child Unattended on Diapering Area **Not Applicable**

Diapering procedures were not applicable due to no enrolled infants

EX-HS-.U(4) - Diapering/Food Service In Same Area (CS) **Not Applicable**

Diapering requirements were not applicable because no infants were enrolled in the program.

EX-HS-.U(5) - Hazards Within Reach (CS) **Not Applicable**

Diapering requirements were not applicable because no infants were enrolled in the program.

EX-HS-.U(6) - Soiled Diapers Accessible **Not Applicable**

Discussion of diapering procedures was not necessary, as no infants were enrolled in the program.

EX-HS-.H Hygiene

EX-HS-.H(1)(a-f) - Children-No Handwashing (CS) **Met**

Discussed handwashing procedures.

EX-HS-.H(2) (a-c) - Staff-No Handwashing (CS) **Met**

Proper handwashing observed throughout.

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)

EX-HS-.I(1) - No/Incomplete Parental Authorization; Incorrectly Dispensed (CS) **Not Applicable**

Medication record procedures were not reviewed, as no medication was being administered.

EX-HS-.I(2) - Incomplete Dispensing Record (CS) **Not Applicable**

Medication dispensing procedures were not applicable, as no medications were maintained on-site.

EX-HS-.I(3) - Medication Accessible To Children/Not Refrigerated (CS) **Not Applicable**

Medication storage procedures were not applicable, as no medications were maintained on-site.

Safety

EX-HS-.E Discipline(CS)

EX-HS-.E(2)(a-n) - Inappropriate Disciplinary Actions (CS) **Met**

Observed appropriate discipline on this date.

EX-HS-.S Field Trips

EX-HS-.S(1) - No/Incomplete Parental Permission **Not Applicable**

The program does not sponsor field trips.

EX-HS-.S(2) - Participant List Not Complete/Taken **Not Applicable**

The program does not sponsor field trips.

EX-HS-.S(3) - Emergency Med Info Forms Missing Info /Not At Program/Not On Trip **Not Applicable**

The program does not sponsor field trips.

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)

EX-HS-.R(1)(a) - No Annual Vehicle Safety Check **Not Applicable**

The Annual Vehicle Safety Checklist was not applicable, as transportation services are not provided.

EX-HS-.R(1)(b) - Vehicle Interior Not Clean **Not Applicable**

A vehicle inspection was not applicable, as transportation services are not provided.

EX-HS-.R(1)(c) - Child Passenger Restraints (CS) **Not Applicable**

Vehicle seat requirements was not applicable, as the program does not provide transportation.

EX-HS-.R(1)(d) - Vehicle Exceeds Seating Capacity **Not Applicable**

Vehicle seat requirements was not applicable, as the program does not provide transportation.

EX-HS-.R(1)(e) - Vehicle Seats Not Secured **Not Applicable**

Vehicle seat requirements was not applicable, as the program does not provide transportation.

EX-HS-.R(1)(f) - No Fire Extinguisher on Vehicle **Not Applicable**

The fire extinguisher was not applicable, as the program does not provide transportation.

EX-HS-.R(2) - Driver not 18 or no valid license **Not Applicable**

The driver requirements was not applicable as the program does not provide transportation.

EX-HS-.R(3) - Additional Staff Requirements (CS) **Not Applicable**

Staff requirements were not applicable, as the program does not provide transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

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

EX-HS-.V(1) - Crib does not meet safety standards (CS) **Not Applicable**

No infants were enrolled.

EX-HS-.V(2) - Crib mattress not firm/2" (CS) **Not Applicable**

No cribs were applicable, as no infants were enrolled in the program.

EX-HS-.V(3) - Crib Sheet not tight-fitting/changed (CS) **Not Applicable**

No cribs sheets were not applicable, as no infants were enrolled in the program.

EX-HS-.V(4) - Crib Construction not safe (CS) **Not Applicable**

No crib construction were not applicable, as no infants were enrolled in the program.

EX-HS-.V(4) - Unsafe Sleep Position (CS) **Not Applicable**

Safe sleep was not applicable, as no infants were enrolled in the program.

EX-HS-.V(5) - Infant not placed on back to sleep / Swaddling used (CS) **Not Applicable**

Infant sleeping position was not discussed, as there were no infants enrolled in the program.

EX-HS-.V(5) - Objects in Cribs **Not Applicable**

The placement of objects in/on the cribs were not applicable, as no infants were enrolled in the program.

EX-HS-.V(6) - Objects in/on Cribs (CS) **Not Applicable**

The placement of objects in/on the cribs were not applicable, as no infants were enrolled in the program.

Staff Records

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

EX-HS-.D(5) - Valid Evidence Fingerprint Check Not Maintained **Met**

Valid evidence of fingerprint checks maintained on file and observed this date.

EX-HS-.D(6) - Valid Evidence Comprehensive Check Not Maintained **Met**

Valid evidence of comprehensive checks maintained on file and observed this date.

EX-HS-.D(7) - Failure to Request Out of State Information **Met**

Program observed to obtain records checks as required and documentation of records checks observed on file this date.

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

EX-HS-.G(1)(a-b) - CPR/First Aid Training Not Obtained **Met**

EX-HS-.G - Observed evidence of staff training in CPR and first aid on this date.

EX-HS-.G(2)(a-d) - Staff certification **Met**

Observed evidence of staff training in CPR and first aid on this date.

EX-HS-.G(2)(b) - Staffing Requirements - No one in classroom FA/CPR trained (CS) **Met**

At least one person was observed in each classroom with valid and current pediatric CPR and pediatric first aid training.

EX-HS-.G(2)(d) - Staffing Requirements - Director Not Trained FA/CPR **Met**

Director observed to have current pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR training.

EX-HS-.N Staff Requirements(CS)

EX-HS-.N(1) - No Program Director/Person in Charge **Met**

Observed a director or person responsible for overall supervision of the program present on this date.

EX-HS-.N(2) - Not Compliant with Applicable Laws (CS) **Met**

Program observed to be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

EX-HS-.N(3) - Not Able to Adequately Perform Job Duties **Met**

Staff were observed to be able to provide adequate care and supervision to children in accordance with standards on this date.