

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

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**(Cover Sheet)****Date:** 11/13/2025 **VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 2:50PM**Departure:** 4:15PM**EX-43880 EXMT-6387 EX-1 - Government  
DeKalb County Schools ASED - Briar Vista**1131 Briar Vista Terrace NE, Atlanta GA 30324  
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Joint with:

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                    |    | <b>Prevention Action Category</b> | <b>Intermediate Action Category</b> | <b>Dismissal Action Category</b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 11/13/2025                         | EX-CAPS-Monitoring | NA | <b>Prevention Level 1 (P1)</b>    | <b>Intermediate Level 1 (I1)</b>    | <b>Dismissal (D)</b>             |
|                                    |                    |    | Technical Assistance              | Corrective Action Plan              | Dismissal                        |
|                                    |                    |    |                                   | Office Conference                   | Disqualification                 |
|                                    |                    |    | <b>Prevention Level 2 (P2)</b>    | <b>Intermediate Level 2 (I2)</b>    |                                  |
|                                    |                    |    | Citation                          | Fine (Level 1 or 2)                 |                                  |
|                                    |                    |    | Plan of Improvement               |                                     |                                  |
|                                    |                    |    | <b>Prevention Level 3 (P3)</b>    | <b>Intermediate Level 3 (I3)</b>    |                                  |

| <b>Room Description</b> | <b>Age Groups</b>          | <b>Staff Count</b> | <b>Children Count</b> | <b>State Ratio Met</b> | <b>Notes</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Black top               |                            | 0                  | 0                     | Y                      |              |
| Cafeteria               | PreK, Fives, Six and older | 6                  | 71                    | Y                      |              |
| Gym                     |                            | 0                  | 0                     | Y                      |              |
| Library/Media Center    |                            | 0                  | 0                     | Y                      |              |
| Room 18 - Music room    |                            | 0                  | 0                     | Y                      |              |
| Room 23                 |                            | 0                  | 0                     | Y                      |              |

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 6

#Children Count: 71

**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

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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](http://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** **Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.A - Activities appropriate

**EX-HS-.F** **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 (NCP)** **Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.C(2) - The director has access to immunizations.

**Exemptions****EX-HS-.X Exemption Requirements (NCP)** **Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.X(1) - Required posted notices were observed on this date.

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

EX-HS-.B - Toilets and sinks available

**EX-HS-.L Physical Plant (CS)** **Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.L - Observation-No Hazards Accessible

**EX-HS-.M Playgrounds (CS)** **Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.M(1) - The program uses the gym for structured activities. No playground.

**Health and Hygiene**

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| <b>EX-HS-.U Diapering Areas &amp; Practices (CS)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children enrolled

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| <b>EX-HS-.H Hygiene (NCP)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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

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| <b>EX-HS-.I Medications (CS)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.I - Medication not dispensed

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| <b>Policies and Procedures</b> |
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| <b>EX-HS-.J Operational Policies &amp; Procedures (NCP)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.J(2) - Emergency Drills were observed on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.J(2) - Emergency drills were observed on this date.

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| <b>EX-HS-.T Required Reporting (NCP)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

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

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| <b>Safety</b> |
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| <b>EX-HS-.S</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.S - No field trips

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| <b>EX-HS-.E Discipline (CS)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.E - Observed Age appropriate learning environment

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| <b>EX-HS-.R Transportation (CS)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.R - No Routine Transportation Provided

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| <b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b> |
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| <b>EX-HS-.V Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements (CS)</b> | <b>N/A</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.V - No infants enrolled

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| <b>Staff Records</b> |
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| <b>EX-HS-.K</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.K - Personnel Records maintained

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| <b>EX-HS-.N</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.N - Director available

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| <b>EX-HS-.D Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks (CS)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.D - Criminal Records Check complete

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| <b>EX-HS-.G First Aid &amp; CPR (NCP)</b> | <b>Met</b> |
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**Comment**

EX-HS-.G(1)(a-b) - Pediatric CPR and First Aid was observed on this date.

**Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.P(4)(a-b) - The program will ensure evidence of annual training is maintained on file for review by the department.

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| <b>Staffing and Supervision</b> |
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**EX-HS-.O Staff:Child Ratios and Supervision (CS)****Met****Comment**

EX-HS-.O - Observed-Appropriate Staff: Child Ratios