

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

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(Cover Sheet)**Date:** 10/20/2025**VisitType:** EX-CAPS-Monitoring**Arrival:** 2:10PM**Departure:** 3:15PM**EX-48724 EXMT-14139 EX-1 - Government
Gordon County Schools - Belwood Elementary**590 Belwood Road, Calhoun GA 30701 Gordon
County**Mailing Address**

Same

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Joint with:

Room Description	Age Groups	Staff Count	Children Count	State Ratio Met	Notes
83	, Six and older	1	2	Y	
Cafeteria		0	0	Y	
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Gym	PreK, Fives, Six and older	4	52	Y	
Launch Room		0	0	Y	
Playground		0	0	Y	

Group Sizes Met? Y

Total # Non-Care Staff Present: 0

#Staff Count: 5

#Children Count: 54

Comments:

The program was operating within the exemption approval.

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 - 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)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

EX-HS-.L(3) - Please keep hazardous items inaccessible to children.

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
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Comment

EX-HS-.U - No diapered children enrolled

EX-HS-.H Hygiene	Met
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Comment

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

EX-HS-.I Medications(CS)	N/A
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Comment

EX-HS-.I - Medication not dispensed

Policies and Procedures

EX-HS-.J Operational Policies & Procedures	Met
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Comment

EX-HS-.J - written emergency plan observed

EX-HS-.T Required Reporting	Met
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Comment

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

Safety

EX-HS-.E Discipline(CS)	Met
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Comment

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

EX-HS-.S Field Trips	N/A
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Comment

EX-HS-.S - No field trips

EX-HS-.R Transportation(CS)	N/A
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Comment

EX-HS-.R - No Routine Transportation Provided

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

EX-HS-.V Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CS)	N/A
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Comment

EX-HS-.V - No infants enrolled

Staff Records

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

EX-HS-.D - Criminal Records Check complete

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

EX-HS-.G(1)(a-b) - All staff members had pediatric First Aid and CPR certification on this date.

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

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-Appropriate Staff: Child Ratios