

South Carolina Department of Social Services
Office of Child Care Licensing
INSPECTION VISIT FORM FOR LICENSED CENTERS

Date of Inspection: 2/9/2026
Time of Inspection: 11:16 - 12:38
Type of Inspection: Annual Complaint
 Follow Up (Original Inspection)
Date: / /
Reason for Follow up:
 Pending Deficiencies
 Self-Reported Incident

Facility Name: Hope Academy
Permit #: 22247
Address: 1301 Summit Parkway Columbia, SC 29229

Telephone #: 803-699-9934 Any changes in contact info (Phone/Email/Fax)? Yes No
Center Director/Designee: Mara Dunkin
Change in Ownership or Director? Yes No If yes, Name: _____
Maximum number of children: 206 Building 1: _____ Building 2: _____ Building 3:
Maximum number of infants: 40 24 months 30 months I-4 facility
Items posted in public view: License Menu Ratio Chart (All classrooms)
ABC Quality Yes Head Start Yes No Public Schools Yes No
Hours of Operation: _____

Infants are in designated rooms? Yes No N/A
Does facility transport children? Yes No N/A
Overnight Care? Yes No

MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION & STAFFING 114-503				SUPERVISION 114-504			
	C	N	N/A		C	N	N/A
Staff files are in compliance H(1-7)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adequate supervision throughout facility A(1-2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training hours up-to-date K(5)(b-c)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Facility following tracking of children procedures A(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At least 1 person with CPR & 1 st Aid on the premises K(5)(h)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ratios adequate in all classrooms and on playground B, C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEALTH, SANITATION & SAFETY 114-505							
	C	N	N/A		C	N	N/A
Children's faces/hands are clean B(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proper diaper changing practices were observed F(1-16)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medicine and harmful items labeled and stored properly D(2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proper handwashing practices were observed G(4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
First Aid kit in facility and in vehicle if transport E(1), I(1)(g)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No smoking/consumption of alcoholic beverage A(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current Emergency Preparedness Plan H(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency Medical Plan C(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PHYSICAL SITE 114-507							
BUILDING	C	N	N/A	PLAYGROUND	C	N	N/A
Ventilation and lighting & sufficient A(2)(a-d), (4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playground equip. safe & firmly anchored B(7)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No strangulation/choking/suffocation hazards A(5)(g)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adequate cushioning material; at least 6ft fall zone B(9)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ceiling, floors, windows, doors free from hazards A(5)(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fencing/safety barriers 4ft. in height, in good repair B(4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building(s) temp between 68-80°F A(7) If no, close in 4 hrs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Outdoor space free from hazards and litter B(2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facility free from pest problems (Insects, rodents) A(8)(b-c)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RESTING	C	N	N/A
All potentially harmful items including cleaning supplies, flammable products, poisonous, toxic, hazardous and materials are labeled and stored in locked area out of children's reach. Bio-contaminants are disposed of properly. A(5)(c) (e), A(8); E(1),(4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Play Pens observed C(4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electrical outlets are securely covered A(11)(c)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cribs meet federal standards (reviewed certificate) D(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sink area has running water A(12)(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cots, mats, cribs labeled or charted for each child D(2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soap and disposable towels available at sink A(12)(i)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PROGRAM 114-506	C	N	N/A
Furniture, toys & equipment are clean and in good repair C(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Written, planned, daily program of activities that is developmentally & age appropriate observed A(1-3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furniture, toys & equipment meets the CPSC standards C(2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Positive, non-abusive discipline practice B(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Healthy animals, not permitted if allergic E(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other environmental allergies (Policy #120)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other environmental allergies (Policy #120)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MEAL REQUIREMENTS 114-508			
	C	N	N/A		C	N	N/A
Meals & snacks in compliance with USDA A(1)(b)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Round, firm foods are not offered to children under 4 yrs. old, unless properly cut to prevent choking risk A(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clean, wholesome, unspoiled, properly labeled food A(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Food stored & handled properly D(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Food preparers have proper hair restraints B(5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All cleaning & poisonous items stored away from food D(8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Refrigerators have thermometers, temp under 45°F D(2-3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prevention and response to food allergies A(9-10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prevention and response to food allergies A(9-10)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INFANT CARE 114-509			
	C	N	N/A		C	N	N/A
Infants are placed on their back to sleep A(5)(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vehicle has proper safety restraints & in good repair I(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No bottles propped or given in cribs or on mats A(3)(c)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Checklist for loading/unloading children reviewed (2)(d)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Food for toddlers cut in pieces ½ inch or less A(3)(k)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Driver's (valid) driver's license reviewed (1)(f)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Food for infants cut in pieces ¼ inch or less A(3)(j)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	TRANSPORTATION 114-505 I			
Crock pots, bottle warmers, are inaccessible to children, No microwaving of beverages observed A(3)(d)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	C-Compliant with Regulation			
Cups and bottles labeled with child's name & used only by that child A(3)(a)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N-Noncompliant with Regulation			
				Violations noted at the time of visit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
				Any violations corrected onsite <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No DSS Form 2910 needed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

Signature of Director/Operator/Designee: [Signature] Date: 2/9/2026 Refused to sign.

Signature of Child Care Licensing Specialist: [Signature] Date: 2/9/2026

Division of Early Care and Education
Deficiency Correction

NAME OF PROVIDER/OPERATOR Hope Academy

FACILITY ADDRESS 1301 Summit Parkway, Columbia, SC 29229

PERMIT # 22247

Deficiency Cited	Corrective Action Needed	Expected Date of Correction
114-506 B(1)	Positive, non-violent and non-abusive methods for managing behavior	2/9/26, end of business day. Follow-up in 30 business days or less
114-503 D(1)	Center shall report incidents that occur within a 48-hour time frame	2/9/26, end of business day. Follow-up in 30 days or less

Providers/Operators are required by regulations and statutes to be in compliance at all times.

Licensing Specialist Aliya Miller Date 2/11/2026