

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

Date of Inspection: 2/17/26
Time of Inspection: 3:12/5:15
Type of Inspection: Annual Complaint
 Follow Up (Original Inspection)
Date: / /
Reason for Follow up:
 Pending Deficiencies
 Self-Reported Incident

Facility Name: 5 Star Academy Learning Center
Permit #: 23601
Address: 725 Raleigh Street WEST COLUMBIA, SC 29169

Telephone #: 803-939-0950 Any changes in contact info (Phone/Email/Fax)? Yes No
Center Director/Designee: Shantell Pitts Belgrave
Change in Ownership or Director? Yes No If yes, Name: _____
Maximum number of children: 125 Building 1: Building 2: Building 3: _____
Maximum number of infants: 26 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: M- 7:00AM- 5:30PM T- 7:00AM- 5:30PM W- 7:00AM- 5:30PM Th- 7:00AM- 5:30PM F- 7:00AM- 5:30PM

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>	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"/>	Positive, non-abusive discipline practice B(1)	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Round, firm foods are not offered to children under 4 yrs. old, unless properly cut to prevent choking risk A(3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean, wholesome, unspoiled, properly labeled food A(4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Food stored & handled properly D(1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food preparers have proper hair restraints B(5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All cleaning & poisonous items stored away from food D(8)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refrigerators have thermometers, temp under 45°F D(2-3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prevention and response to food allergies A(9-10)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
INFANT CARE 114-509				TRANSPORTATION 114-505 I			
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>				
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No DSS Form 2910 needed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

Signature of Director/Operator/Designee: [Signature] Date: 2/17/26 Refused to sign.
Signature of Child Care Licensing Specialist: [Signature] Date: 2/17/2026 Revised February 2025

Division of Early Care and Education
Deficiency Correction

NAME OF PROVIDER/OPERATOR 5 Star Academy Learning Center

FACILITY ADDRESS 725 Raleigh St, West Columbia 29169

PERMIT # 23601

Deficiency Cited	Corrective Action Needed	Expected Date of Correction
114-504 A(1-2) Supervision	Proper supervision by teacher's assigned to their classrooms specifically	Corrected on site, 2/17/26; teacher terminated 2/17/26
114-506 B(2) Discipline & Behavior Management	Follow center policy regarding methods of appropriate guidance to all ages	Corrected on site, 2/17/26; teacher terminated 2/17/26
114-506 B(3) Discipline & Behavior Management	Implement discipline and behavior management policy, no corporal punishment	Corrected on site, 2/17/26; teacher terminated 2/17/26

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

Licensing Specialist Aliya Miller Date 2/23/26