

The cover features a blue-tinted background image of a classroom. In the foreground, several students are seen from behind, with their hands raised. In the background, a chalkboard displays mathematical problems: $x \cdot 4$, $1 \times 4 = 4$, and $2 \times 4 = 8$. The word "Ohio" is prominently displayed in the center, with the letter "O" enclosed in a yellow circle and the rest of the word in white.

Ohio

Ohio Department of Education Licensing Report for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

DECEMBER 2015

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As required by Ohio Law¹:

“The Department of Education shall prepare an annual report on inspections conducted under this section. The report shall include the number of inspections conducted, the number and types of violations found, and the steps taken to address the violations. The Department shall file the report with the governor, the president and the minority leader of the senate, and the speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives on or before the first day of January of each year, beginning in 1999.

SITES LICENSED DURING JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

Total number of sites licensed by the Ohio Department of Education: 1703 (preschool and/or school age childcare)

Total number of the Ohio Department of Education licensed preschool programs: 1433

Total number of the Ohio Department of Education licensed school age childcare programs: 424

NOTE: Some sites may have preschool and school age childcare programs; therefore, total sites licensed will not equal the sum of preschool and school age childcare licenses.

ENROLLMENT

Total infants (0-younger than 18 months): 442

Total toddler children (18 months-younger than 3 years): 1,210

Total preschool children (3-5 years): 65,461

Total school age children (5-14 years): 27,790

DETAILS OF THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS OFFERED

| <u>Preschool Program Type</u> | <u>Number of sites</u> |
|---|------------------------|
| Head Start | 86 |
| Early Childhood Education Entitlement Grant | 328 |
| Tuition/Locally Funded | 818 |
| Preschool Special Education | 803 |
| Total | 2,035 |

SITE INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED DURING JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

Number of announced site inspections conducted: 706

Number of unannounced site inspections conducted: 1,100

NEW LICENCES ISSUED DURING JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

The Ohio Department of Education issued 141 new licenses.

Before issuing a license or renewing a license, the Ohio Department of Education determined that all non-compliant programs became compliant following an action plan process.²

¹ As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 3301.57.

² As required by ORC Section 3301.58.

Preschool Compliance Information for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Number of preschool site visit reports that documented full compliance (announced and unannounced visits): 1142

MOST FREQUENT PRESCHOOL VIOLATIONS

NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS

Click [here](#) for a full list of licensing violations for Fiscal Year 2015.

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| 3301-37-04 D | Each director and preschool staff member shall be examined by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, advanced practice nurse, or certified nurse practitioner within twelve months prior to the first day of employment. An employee medical statement shall be on file and be available for review by the department. | 106 |
| 3301-37-05 B | The program shall provide written documentation of an annual fire inspection and approval of the facility. Annually means within twelve months of the previous fire inspection. | 85 |
| 3301-37-08 A | The parent shall provide, prior to the date of admission or not later than thirty days after date of admission, and every thirteen months from the date of examination thereafter, a medical statement affirming that the child is in suitable condition for enrollment in the program. | 58 |
| 3301-37-04 R | A director and preschool staff member shall provide evidence of a BCII investigation and FBI criminal background check as required by section 3319.391 of the Revised Code. Documentation that reports and five-year updates are sent to the district or the department's office of educator licensure as required by section 3319.391 of the Revised Code shall be kept on file. | 52 |
| 3301-37-04 M | Preschool staff members who do not have an associate or higher degree in child development or early childhood education from an accredited college, university, or technical college, a pre-kindergarten associate certificate or license issued by the state board of education, or a pre-kindergarten teaching certificate or endorsement, the preschool staff member and director shall annually complete in-service training of fifteen hours until a total of forty-five hours has been completed. Preschool staff members who have met the forty-five hour in-service requirement shall thereafter complete ten annual clock hours of in-service. | 45 |

School Age Child Care Compliance Information for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Number of site visit reports that documented full compliance (announced and unannounced visits): 363

MOST FREQUENT SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE VIOLATIONS

NUMBER OF VIOLATIONS

Click [here](#) for a full list of licensing violations for FY15.

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| 3301-32-03 H | A staff member with current valid first aid and CPR, child abuse recognition and prevention, management of communicable disease certification shall be on site at all times when children are in attendance. A staff member with current valid first aid and CPR training shall be readily available during field trips. | 35 |
| 3301-32-02 C | All staff, volunteers, and responsible individuals shall sign a non-guilty/non-conviction statement on an annual basis. | 26 |
| 3301-32-04 C | Both the scheduled and completed dates of the annual fire inspection shall be documented and maintained by the program. | 26 |
| 3301-32-02 B | School child program staff members shall not have pleaded guilty or have been convicted of any offense mentioned in section 3301.541 of the Revised Code and shall have a criminal background check completed by the appropriate state or federal agency. | 23 |
| 3301-32-02 I | All staff members as well as volunteers and responsible individuals used as staff members shall receive orientation training which addresses program policies and procedures as specified in rule 3301-32-10 of the Administrative Code prior to or within seven calendar days of the first scheduled date of attendance on job, except that the discipline policy and procedures shall be reviewed as specified in paragraph (B and C) of rule 3301-32-09 of the Administrative Code. | 20 |

STEPS TAKEN TO ADDRESS VIOLATIONS

Licensing specialists send emails to superintendents and points of contact to report findings of non-compliance identified during on-site licensing visits. The emails contain information that cite the rule(s) not met and detail the nature of the violation(s). Programs have 30 days to submit written corrective action plans and simultaneously correct the violation(s). Serious risk violations require a response within 10 days.

Written corrective action plans may include specific directives from licensing specialist and incorporate requirements for professional development. Technical assistance to correct problems and achieve compliance are offered. Specialists also provide suggestions regarding best practices and engage in problem solving with program personnel to maintain and improve the health and safety conditions for the children enrolled. Written corrective action plans are forwarded to the department where they are reviewed and approved by licensing specialists.

Missing documentation is a frequent reason for violations. Therefore, the Ohio Department of Education requires documentation to address violations along with corrective action plans. For example, a program's plan must detail the process it will use to assure children and staff files contain current information. It also must provide missing documents or documents in need of updating. During this process, specialists communicate with programs as needed. Verification of plan implementation occurs during the next on-site inspection. Correction of violations is achieved. Additional on-site visits occur as needed to assure health and safety practices are in effect.