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CHILD CARE CENTER/GROUP CHILD CARE HOME INSPECTION

Program Name	RIDGEFIELD MONTESSORI SCHOOL				License Number	DCCC.16711		Date of Inspection	09/05/2024	
					Expiration Date	10/31/2025		Time of Inspection	09:45 AM	
Address	96 DANBURY RD RIDGEFIELD CT 06877-4069				Telephone	(203) 438-4506		Licensed Capacity	80	
					Hours of Operation	M-F 8:30AM -5:00PM		Infant/Toddler Capacity	24	
Is this a Change of Address?	Yes?		No?	X				Summer Care	Closed	
New Address					Minimum Age Served	18 months	Maximum Age Served	6 years	Water Supply	Public Water
					Program's Email	ctango@ridgefieldmontessori.com				
Operator	RIDGEFIELD MONTESSORI SCHOOL LLC				Name of Inspector	Jaime Fortin				
Director	CATHERINE A TANGO				Inspector's Email	jaime.fortin@ct.gov				
Key: Compliant = X Non-Compliant = O	# of Infants – Toddlers Present	23	# of Total Children Present	62	# of Staff Present	11	Type of Inspection	UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION - FULL		

LICENSURE PROCEDURES 19a-79-2a

X	1. Local Health Inspection	
	Date: 11/02/2022	
X	1a. False or Misleading Statements	

ADMINISTRATION 19a-79-3a

X	1b. Administration	
X	1bb. Capacity	
X	2. New Staff – Employee Orientation	
O	3. Annual Staff Policy Training	Failed to maintain documentation for 1 out of 3 staff
X	3b. Managing child behavior	
X	4. Documentation of Behavior M. Tech Discussed w/parents	
X	4b. Failure to report	

X	5. Notification of Change		
X	6. Program policies	Including discipline, supervision, child protection, general operating, personnel, closing time	
X	7. Daily Attendance Records- staff and children		
ITEMS POSTED – ACCESSIBLE			
X	8. License		
X	9. Fire Marshal certificate		
	Date	09/19/2023	
X	10. OEC Complaint procedure		
	11. Food Service Certificate	N/A?	
	Date	X	
X	12. Menus		
X	13. Emergency plans		
X	14. No Smoking Signs		
X	15. Radon Test	N/A?	
	Date	Results	
	04/16/2009	.5	
X	15a. Developmental Milestones		
	15b. Access		
O	15bb. 32-36 mths enrolled in prek-permissions	Failed to obtain written permission from parents and/or the director for prek enrollment for 1 child enrolled in preschool class	
STAFFING 19a-79-4a			
X	15c. Staffing		
O	16. Staff Health records – TB tests	Failed to maintain current medical statement(s) for 1 out of 3 staff	
O	17. Professional development	Failed to document professional development for 1 out of 3 staff	
X	18. Disciplinary actions		
O	18b. Background checks	Failed to ensure staff have completed background checks when it was observed that 4 staff were working in classrooms without completed background checks during visit	

X	19. Designated Head Teacher					
X	20. Two Staff present					
X	20a. Staff Qualities					
O	21. Ratio: 1 staff to 10 children	Failed to maintain proper staff/child ratios when it was observed in preschool a 21:2 ratio and school is not current with AMS Montessori accreditation				
X	21b. Supervision					
X	22. Group Size – maximum 20 children					
X	23. Designated director - Training					
X	24. CPR Certified Staff (Group Home N/A)					
X	25. First Aid Trained Staff					
X	26. Consultants- Agreements and Contracts					
X	27. Logs – Visits documented					
	Not in Compliance?	Education	Health	Social Service	Dental	Dietician N/A? X
	Contracts					
	Logs					
	Do they take children swimming?	N SWIMMING				
X	28. Non-swimmers identified					
X	29. Staff/Child Ratios					
X	30. CPR certified staff (20 years of age)					
X	31. Lifeguard certified - supervision					
RECORD KEEPING 19a-79-5a						
X	32. Enrollment information					
X	33. Emergency medical permission					
X	34. Authorized release permission					
X	35. Field trip permission					
X	36. Transportation permission					

X	37. Child health records and immunizations		
O	38. Individual care plan (signed by parents and staff)	Failed to maintain complete 7 individual care plans signed by all staff responsible for care of child and 1 not signed by child's parent	
X	39. Injury, Illness, Accident reports		
HEALTH AND SAFETY 19a-79-6a			
O	40. Nutritious snacks and meals (required food groups)	Failed to provide nutritionally adequate snacks- observed only one food group served on day of visit. Menu's not dated and posted 1 week in advance	
X	41. Proper refrigeration (max 45°)		
X	42. Kitchen separated	N/A?	
X	43. Hand washing – before eating or food handling		
X	44. First Aid Kit(s) – Indoor, Outdoor, Field Trips, Inventory		
PHYSICAL PLANT 19a-79-7a			
X	45. License premises – clean, good repair, hazard free		
X	47b. Plans for new construction, expansion, renovation or conversion		
X	48. Sanitary drinking fountains – disposable cups		
X	49. Lead Water Test (N/A?) 10/26/2023	Bacterial/Chemical Test (N/A?) X	
X	50. Walkways maintained		
X	51. Designated staff toilet/sink		
X	52. All openings for ventilation screened		
X	53. Windows protected to prevent falls		
X	54. Glass protected up to 36"		
X	55. Overhead doors – locking devices, spring protectors		
X	56. Exits, Hallways and Stairs unobstructed		

X	57. Individual storage of clothing and bedding	
X	58. Smoking prohibited	
X	59. Matches and lighters inaccessible	
X	60. Electrical safety – outlets/cords	
X	61. Toileting needs met	
X	62. Required toilets, sinks, supplies	
X	63. Potty chairs – nonporous, emptied, disinfected	
X	64. Hand washing after toileting – staff and children	
X	65. Ventilation in toilet rooms	
X	66. Air temperature 65 degrees, thermometer affixed	
X	67. Water temperature 60° – 115°	
X	68. Portable space heaters	
X	69. Walls, ceilings, floors and rugs – clean, good repair	
X	70. Rugs secure	
X	71. Hot water, steam pipes protected	
X	72. Working phone on each level	
X	73. Emergency numbers posted	
X	74. Adequate lighting - 50/30 candle feet	
X	75. Light fixtures shielded, shatter proof	
O	76. Potentially hazardous substances locked	Failed to ensure that potentially hazardous substances are stored in a locked area. Observe febreze and Lysol unlocked in toddler rooms
X	77. Garbage, rubbish disposed daily	

X	78. Stairs protected, good repair, handrails		
X	79. Pets – maintained, care plan	Y/N N	
X	80. Operable CO detector on each level	N/A? Y	
X	81. Program space-adequate square footage per child		
X	82. Equipment clean, good repair, safe, non-toxic		
O	83. Cots stored, maintained, adequate number	Failed to provide an individual cot for each child -program not accredited by Montessori	
X	84. Developmentally appropriate equipment		
X	85. Hot tubs, spas, saunas – locked and inaccessible	Y/N N	
X	86. No weapons, no facsimile of a firearm on premises		
OUTDOOR SPACE			
X	87. Outdoor space - adequate square footage per child		
X	88. Impact absorbing material under equipment		
X	89. Playground free from hazards		
X	92. Equipment anchored, safely arranged		
X	93. Outdoor play area protected, fenced		
X	94. Drinking water available, accessible		
EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS 19a-79-8a			
X	95. Written plan for daily program available to parents/staff		
X	96. Schedule – Activity choices and Program	Activity choices: developmentally appropriate, flexible, meets individual needs Program includes: indoor/outdoor, gross/fine motor skills, snacks/meals, rest/sleep/quiet time, toileting and clean up	
ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS 19a-79-9a			
X	97. Written policies, procedures		
X	98. Training outline on file		

NONPRESCRIPTION TOPICAL MEDICATIONS		
X	99. Administration, parent permission, MAR	
X	100. Labeling, storage	
ORAL/TOPICAL/INHALENT MEDICATIONS		
X	101. Med trained staff, certificates	
	O/T/I Injectable	
	Y Y	
X	102. Authorized prescriber, parent permission, MAR	
X	103. Labeling, storage	
X	104. Unused, expired meds returned/disposed	
SELF-ADMINISTRATION		
X	105. Authorized prescriber, parent permission, MAR	
X	106. Labeling, storage	
X	107. Approved petition for special medication authorization	
Yes	Is there an approved endorsement?	INFANT/TODDLER ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-10
X	109. Approved endorsement	
X	110. Ratio: 1 staff to 4 children	
☐	111. Group size: no larger than 8	Failed to maintain proper group size not to exceed 8 children when 2 classrooms were observed to have 12 children with 3 teachers
☐	112. Physical barriers, groups of 8 (indoors and outdoors)	Failed to maintain a physical barrier separating each group of 8 children indoors and outdoors
X	113. Adequate sinks in program space	
X	114. Free standing, well-constructed, safe cribs	
X	115. Washable cots	
X	116. Chairs for feeding, stable, safety straps, locking tray	
X	117. Developmentally appropriate tables, chairs, equipment	
X	118. Refrigerators and food prep facilities	

X	119. Diaper area-sturdy, safety rail, nonporous, exclusive use			
X	120. Diaper area-washed, disinfected			
X	121. Diaper area-disposable paper sheets			
X	122. Covered waste receptacle			
X	123. Diaper changing policy posted, followed			
X	124. Hand washing policy posted, followed			
X	125. Individual storage of personal items			
X	126. Cribs/cots washed and disinfected			
X	127. Under 12 months- placed on back for sleeping			
X	128. Alternate sleep position-equipment, medical documentation	Yes	No	
			X	
X	129. Crib, bed used for infant sleeping			
X	130. Crib, bed free from observable hazards			
X	131. Infant toys separate, washed, disinfected daily			
X	132. No toys, objects less than 1/1/4" diameter			
X	133. Plastic bags, balloons, Styrofoam objects inaccessible			
X	134. Health consultant, doc. of visits			
X	135. Infants held for bottles, indiv. attention, tummy time			
X	136. Written statement, feeding schedule from parent			
X	137. Unused portions of liquids discarded			
X	138. Clean Bottles, disp. bottles, approved bottle washing			
X	139. Food served from dish or whole jar served			
X	140. Bottles individually identified with child's name			

OUTDOOR PLAY SPACE - UNDER THREE

X	141. Play space fenced	
X	142. Outdoor equipment developmentally appropriate	
Yes	Is there an approved endorsement?	SCHOOL AGE ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-11
X	143. Approved endorsement	
X	144. Activity choices appropriate	
X	145. Ratio – 1 staff to 15 children	
X	146. Group size – maximum 30 children	
X	146b. 4 yr olds enrolled in school age-permissions	
X	147. Education Consultant appropriate	
No	Is there an approved endorsement?	NIGHT CARE ENDORSEMENT 19a-79-12 (10pm-5am)
	148. Approved endorsement	
	149. Written program plan, supervision	
	150. Staff awake and available	
	151. Cot, crib, bedding, toiletries, sleep apparel	
	152. Individual storage of personal items	
	153. Bedding, sleeping apparel laundered weekly	
N	Child with diabetes enrolled?	MONITORING OF DIABETES 19a-79-13
X	154. Written policies and procedures	
X	155. On site staff trained in first aid, glucose testing	
X	156. Training current and documented	
X	157. Supervision of self-administration	
X	158. Equipment, supplies labeled and inaccessible	

X	159. Signed agreement with parents regarding equipment	
X	160. Materials discarded appropriately	
X	161. Authorized prescriber, parent permission	
X	162. Documentation of test results, actions taken	
X	163. Daily written parent notification	

ADDITIONAL VIOLATIONS

	62. Consent Order - Negotiated Corrective Action Plan	N/A?	
		X	

YES or NO?
Yes

WERE VIOLATIONS CITED DURING THIS VISIT?

DISCUSSIONS/COMMENTS

Program currently does not have Infants . Staff without completed background checks -(need to be listed in our BCIS system as current or work supervised) can not work directly with children.

NOTE: Items left blank on this form were not monitored during this visit.

Only the regulations marked as compliant, non-compliant or not applicable were monitored or discussed.

APPLICANTS: You MAY NOT OPERATE until all requirements have been met and a license has been issued by the Agency.

		DATE CORRECTIONS DUE BY:	
(Signature of OEC Representative)	(Signature of OEC Representative)		(Signature of Person in Charge)
Jaime Fortin		09/19/2024	Catherine Tango
(Printed Name)	(Printed Name)		(Printed Name)