

Date Issued	May 21, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	Little Stars Academy		
Provider ID	1384856877		
Provider Address	828 8th St S, Brookings, SD 57006, USA		
Provider Contact	Callie Schlechter		

The items listed below are those that the provider was not in compliance with at the time of the inspection.

Compliance Plan Action #1

Administrative Rule:

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Center and school-age programs operating outside of a school building shall follow applicable construction and fire safety requirements, as outlined in chapters 61:15:05 and 61:15:06. School-age programs operating in a school building shall follow applicable construction and fire safety requirements, as outlined in chapters 61:15:01, 61:15:02, and 61:15:07.

A family day care home must have the following fire safety measures in place:

- (1) A working smoke detector must be located on each level of the home;
- (2) A fully charged, portable fire extinguisher, with a minimum 2A rating, as identified on the extinguisher label, must be kept in or within fifteen feet of the kitchen or food preparation area;
- (3) A carbon monoxide detector must be installed, according to the manufacturer's instructions, if a fuel burning appliance is present in the home;
- (4) Each level of the home must have at least two remote exits that shall remain clear of obstructions. One of these exits must be a standard-sized door, and the other may be either a standard-sized door or an unobstructed, operable window, having at least five square feet of openable space, with a minimum width of twenty inches and a minimum height of twenty-four inches; and
- (5) Whenever a portable space heater, a wood burning stove, or a fireplace is in use, the heater, stove, or fireplace must be inaccessible to children.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

At time of inspection, carbon monoxide detector wasn't installed according to manufacturer's instructions and program has fuel burning appliances in the facility.

Corrections to be Made:

Center and school-age programs operating outside of a school building shall follow applicable construction and fire safety requirements, as outlined in chapters 61:15:05 and 61:15:06.

Corrections Made:

Verification received that program has a carbon monoxide detector and has been installed to be out of reach of children.

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Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

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A provider shall meet the following requirements regarding bathrooms:

- (1) Bathroom facilities must be easily accessible by children and providers;
- (2) Hot water for faucets normally used by children in care may not exceed one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit;
- (3) Toilets and hand sinks must be kept clean and in good repair; and
- (4) For child care centers and school-age programs:
 - (a) All bathrooms must have natural or mechanical ventilation;
 - (b) Separate bathrooms must be available for males and females;
 - (c) Ratios for toilet and hand sinks must align with the minimum standards for plumbing and plumbing systems published by the plumbing commission.

Except in a family day care, hand sinks must be in the same room, or an unobstructed room adjacent to the diaper changing area. A handwashing sink used after diapering and toileting may not be used for food preparation.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

At time of inspection, program's hand sink were not in good repair. The gray water was being drained into a bucket that was accessible to children.

Corrections to be Made:

Hand sinks must be kept clean and in good repair.

Corrections Made:

Licensing specialist witnessed that the accessible bucket where gray water was being drained into was removed and replaced with a permanent water container that has a closed lid.

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Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

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All walls, ceilings, floors, and equipment must be easily cleanable, kept clean, and in good repair. Heating and cooling systems must maintain a temperature between sixty-five degrees Fahrenheit and seventy-five degrees Fahrenheit. For a child care center and school-age program, all heating and cooling systems must be inspected annually, by a certified technician.

Food preparation areas, including tables and countertops, must be made of a smooth, nonporous material, kept clean and sanitized, be free of cracks, and be in good repair. Center and school-age programs, in which more than twenty

children are cared for, must provide a ventilation hood over all cooking areas. The hood must be appropriate for the type of appliance and intended use, as required in § 61:15:01:01.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

Verification wasn't available indicating an inspection of the heating and cooling system had been completed in the past year.

Corrections to be Made:

For a child care center and school-age program, all heating and cooling systems must be inspected annually, by a certified technician.

Corrections Made:

Verification received indicating that heating and cooling system was recently inspected by a certified technician.

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Your signature below certifies you have read and understand the non-compliance findings and agree to make corrections to be compliant with the identified administrative rules.

Callie Schlechter

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

May 21, 2026

Date

The Department of Social Services, Office of Licensing and Accreditation has reviewed and accepted the above plan.

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Signature of DSS Staff:

May 21, 2026

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