

Date Issued	June 08, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	APPLE BLOSSOM ACADEMY		
Provider ID	018043068		
Provider Address	1600 S Sycamore Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57110, USA		
Provider Contact	Lisa Carson		

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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Playgrounds for all child care settings must be safe, in good repair, and free of debris, trash, and weeds. Playground equipment must be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and maintained in good repair.

For a center program, a fence that measures at least four feet high is required around the center's outdoor play space.

For a family day care or school-age program, a fence that measures at least forty-two inches high may be required to separate the outdoor play space, if the department determines a body of water, vehicular traffic, or other hazard poses a risk of injury or death to a child.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The outdoor play area was not maintained in a condition that ensured children's safety. Materials and debris presenting potential safety hazards were observed within accessible areas of the playground.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will remove all debris and hazards from the outdoor play area. Photos of the completed corrections will be provided to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

The program removed all debris and hazards from the outdoor play area. Photos of the completed corrections were provided to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

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Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

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A provider shall meet the following water safety requirements:

- (1) If an outdoor swimming pool is on the premises, it must be emptied after each use or enclosed with a five-foot fence and a self-closing, latching gate that can be locked while not in use;
- (2) If an indoor swimming pool is on the premises, it must have an access door that restricts entry;
- (3) A child may not play in an area where there is a body of water, unless the provider can see and hear the child, and is close enough to intervene, at all times; and
- (4) A hot tub must be securely covered.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

A waterfall pad area in the outdoor play space contained standing water and was not fenced or otherwise secured to prevent children's access.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will remove the standing water and ensure the waterfall pad area is properly fenced or otherwise secured to prevent children's access. Photos of the completed corrections will be submitted to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

The program removed the standing water and ensured the waterfall pad area is properly fenced or otherwise secured to prevent children's access. Photos of the completed corrections will be submitted to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

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Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

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An infant shall be fed according to the infant's schedule. The provider shall hold the infant's bottle when feeding the infant. The provider may not feed an infant by propping up the infant's bottle.

Food, including breast milk and formula, must be properly stored, kept at the proper temperature, and protected from potential contamination according to the preparing, feeding, and storing standards contained in **Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards, 4th Edition**.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

Boxed food items and single-use products were observed being stored directly on the floor in the storage room.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will store all boxed food items and single-use products off the floor and provide photos of the completed correction to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

The correction has been completed, and supporting documentation was submitted to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

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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.

Lisa Carson

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

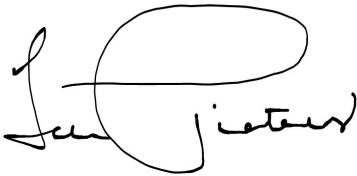
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The Department of Social Services, Office of Licensing and Accreditation has reviewed and accepted the above plan.

Teri Pieters

Printed Name of DSS Staff



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Signature of DSS Staff:

June 08, 2026

Date