

Date Issued	May 06, 2026	Status	In Process
Provider Name	DISCOVERY LEARNING CENTER		
Provider ID	018042494		
Provider Address	3314 S Valley View Rd, Sioux Falls, SD 57106, USA		
Provider Contact	Mele Mafi		

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:

67:42:17:39

For family day care providers, unused electrical outlets must have an outlet plug cover, have a tamper-resistant cover, or be made inaccessible to a child.

For center and school-age programs, unused electrical outlets must have a self-closing outlet cover or tamper-resistant cover.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

Multiple outlets are not tamper resistant.

Corrections to be Made:

For center and school-age programs, unused electrical outlets must have a self-closing outlet cover or tamper-resistant cover.

Corrections Made:

All outlets accessible to children were replaced to be tamper resistant.

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May 21, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:37

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:

Emergency lights and exit lights over main entrance did not pass testing at time of inspection.

Corrections to be Made:

Exit signs must be interior or exterior illuminated or self-luminous.

Corrections Made:

Exit signs were repaired to be interior or exterior illuminated or self-luminous.

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May 27, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #3

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:32

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:

Cabinets in the kitchen are in need of repair. Additionally, multiple spots along the walls have paint/drywall peeling off.

Corrections to be Made:

All walls, ceilings, floors, and equipment must be easily cleanable, kept clean, and in good repair.

Corrections Made:

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Compliance Plan Action #4

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:31

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:

The
stand alone, sliding door cooler tested above 50F.

Corrections to be Made:

Refrigerator temperature should
be maintained at 41 degrees F or below.

Corrections Made:

The stand alone, sliding door cooler temperature was turned down to be 41 degrees F or below.

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Compliance Plan Action #5

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:35

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:

Metal fencing on northeast side of building, dividing the play ground from the facility's parking lot, is loose and rusted.

Additionally, the chain link fence dividing the playground from the parking lot has a broken top pole and loose fencing. A small playhouse has an interior cabinet which has broken and jagged plastic. Lastly, a playset has wood rotting at the base of hand rails, loose bolts holding the the swings, and there is a crack on the slide.

Corrections to be Made:

The fence around the outdoor play area and the playground equipment must be in good repair.

Corrections Made:

The top pole of the chain link fence was repaired. The interior cabinet on the small playhouse was removed.

The program was given additional time to complete the metal fence repairs.

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August 28, 2026

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Compliance Plan Action #6

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:38

The following must be inaccessible to a child:

- (1) Firearms;
- (2) Pellet guns, BB guns, and cap guns;
- (3) Matches and lighters;
- (4) Tobacco products;
- (5) Choking and strangulation hazards;
- (6) Items capable of being pulled or tipped onto a child;
- (7) A platform measuring more than thirty inches above ground level, unless surrounded by a railing that is at least thirty-six inches tall with no more than five inches between openings; and
- (8) Other hazardous condition as identified by the department.

The department may direct a provider to remove or correct a hazardous condition or circumstance not covered in this chapter, if the department considers the conditions or circumstances to have the potential to cause injury or illness to the children in care.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

The latch for the gate at the top of the program's stairs needs to be repaired. Additionally, the window in the one-year-old room has a crack and needs to be repaired.

Corrections to be Made:

The gate at the top of the stairs must be repaired to ensure the latch closes and secures properly. The window in the one-year-old classroom needs to be replaced.

Corrections Made:

The latch at the top of the program's stairs was repaired. The program was given additional time to replace the window.

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August 28, 2026

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Compliance Plan Action #7

Administrative Rule:

67:42:17:33

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:

The hand washing sink in kitchen area has a splitter installed on faucet, that does not allow for proper hand washing.

Corrections to be Made:

Handwashing sinks used for diaper changing need to be different than the sinks used for food or bottle prep.

Corrections Made:

The splitter on the handwashing sink was removed. The program posted a sign in front of the sink outlining that the sink was a handwashing sink only.

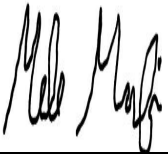
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Your signature below certifies you have read and understand the non-compliance findings and agree to make corrections to be compliant with the identified administrative rules.

Mele Mafi

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

May 06, 2026

Date

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

Brooke Flemmer

Printed Name of DSS Staff



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Signature of DSS Staff:

April 28, 2026

Date