

Date Issued	January 20, 2026	Status	Closed
Provider Name	Achievement Academy		
Provider ID	708801840		
Provider Address	3209 S Summit Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, USA		
Provider Contact	Chloe Clements		

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:

67:42:17:37

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:

- The furnace room contains a deep freezer connected to a wall outlet by an extension cord running across the floor. An additional extension cord is plugged into the same outlet for other devices. The cord was observed lying in standing water from a leaking pipe.
- Items in the storage room between the kitchen and the lunchroom were stored less than 24" from the ceiling.
- Verification was unavailable indicating that the fire extinguishers have not undergone a current inspection.
- There was no carbon monoxide detector present.
- An exit sign was located only at the main entrance of the building; the east or west entrances did not have exit signs.

- Deadbolts are present on the exit doors.

Corrections to be Made:

- The program will verify that the deep freezer is plugged directly into the wall and that the leaky pipe has been fixed.
- The program will provide verification to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation that all materials are stored more than 24" from the ceiling.
- The program will provide the Office of Licensing and Accreditation with documentation confirming that qualified technicians have serviced the fire extinguishers.
- The program will install a carbon monoxide detector and submit documentation of completion to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.
- The program will install self-illuminated exit signs at both the east and west entrances and will submit proof of completion to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.
- The program will removed all deadbolts all exits.

Corrections Made:

- The program provided documentation January 23, 2026 verifying that the leaky pipe was fixed and the extension cord was plugged directly into the wall .
- The program provided verification to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation that all materials are stored more than 24" from the ceiling on January 23, 2026.
- The program provided the Office of Licensing and Accreditation with documentation confirming that a qualified technician serviced the fire extinguishers.
- The program installed a carbon monoxide detector and submitted documentation of completion to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation on January 23, 2026.
- The program installed self-illuminated exit signs at both the east and west entrances and provided proof of completion to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation on February 2, 2026.
- The program submitted verification that the deadbolts were removed and panic hardware was installed on February 2, 2026.

Anticipated Completion Date:
January 30, 2026

Date Completed:
February 02, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #2

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 bathrooms do not have natural or mechanical ventilation.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will install mechanical ventilation in each bathroom and provide verification to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Corrections Made:

The program installed mechanical ventilation in each bathroom and provided verification to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation.

Anticipated Completion Date:
May 29, 2026

Date Completed:
June 05, 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:

During the inspection, there was not verification of a current heating and cooling systems inspection.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will provide verification to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation that a certified technician has inspected the heating and cooling systems.

Corrections Made:

The program provided the Office of Licensing and Accreditation with verification that a certified technician conducted an inspection of the heating and cooling systems.

Anticipated Completion Date:
January 30, 2026

Date Completed:
January 30, 2026

Compliance Plan Action #4

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:

During the inspection, bags of yard waste were observed in the outdoor play area.

During the inspection, it was observed that there was no fence around the program's outdoor play area.

Corrections to be Made:

The program will provide verification to the Office of Licensing and Accreditation that the outdoor play area is free of debris and trash.

A fence must be installed around the outdoor playground by May 29, 2026, and must be at least four feet high.

Corrections Made:

On January 23, 2026, the program submitted evidence of the removal of debris and trash.

On July 10, 2026, the program provided the Office of Licensing and Accreditation with photos of the completed fence. The fence had been delayed due to inventory and specialized items.

Anticipated Completion Date:

May 29, 2026

Date Completed:

July 10, 2026

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.

Chloe Clements

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact

Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

January 08, 2026

Date

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

Teri Pieters

Printed Name of DSS Staff



12/22/2025, 7:43:15 AM

Signature of DSS Staff:

December 22, 2025

Date
