

Date Issued October 06, 2026 Status In Process

Provider Name LA PETITE ACADEMY 7692

Provider ID 018043044

Provider Address 4003 W Benson Rd, Sioux Falls, SD 57107, USA

Provider Contact Amy Taylor

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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A provider shall meet the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive needs of a child, and identify procedures to implement behavior management strategies for use with children in care. Behavior management strategies must offer limits, with positive guidance and direction, to help a child develop self-control and respect for the rights of others, be appropriate to a child's age and developmental level, and include strategies to prevent shaken baby syndrome and abusive head trauma.

A behavior management strategy may not be delegated to an older child or peer. Separation, when used as a strategy, must be within sight or hearing of a provider.

The parent of a child may not, while working at the program, use a prohibited discipline technique to discipline the parent's child.

The following methods of discipline are prohibited:

- (1) Spanking, hitting, pinching, biting, shaking, or inflicting any other physical punishment;
- (2) Verbal abuse, shouting, threats, humiliation, or derogatory or sarcastic remarks about the child or the child's family;
- (3) Restriction of movement or confinement;
- (4) Isolating a child in an adjacent room, hallway, closet, darkened area, or any other area where a child cannot be seen or supervised;
- (5) Punishment for lapses in toilet training;
- (6) Withholding or forcing of meals, snacks, naps, or outdoor time to correct behavior;
- (7) Demanding excessive physical exercise or excessive rest; and
- (8) Placing substances in a child's mouth to cause discomfort such as soap, food, or spices.

A provider who is under investigation for abuse and neglect may not be in a caregiving role, if the department determines there is an imminent safety concern to a child in the provider's care.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

During a complaint investigation conducted by the Office of Licensing & Accreditation, it was determined that a provider used inappropriate discipline with children in care.

Corrections to be Made:

- The program will ensure all providers use only behavior-guidance and discipline practices that are permitted by child care licensing requirements and the program's policy.
- The provider will review the program's discipline and behavior-guidance policy with the director to ensure an understanding of appropriate and prohibited practices.
- The provider will sign an acknowledgment confirming they understand and will follow the program's behavior-guidance policy.
- The director will monitor staff interactions with children to ensure behavior-guidance practices comply with licensing requirements and program policy. Additional guidance or retraining will be provided when concerns are identified.
- The licensing specialist will conduct monitoring visits to verify compliance with behavior-guidance and discipline requirements.

Corrections Made:

Anticipated Completion Date:
October 26, 2026

Date Completed:

Compliance Plan Action #2

Administrative Rule:

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A center or school-age program must maintain the following ratios:

- (1) Five children to one staff for children up to three years of age;
- (2) Ten children to one staff for children three through four years; and
- (3) Fifteen children to one staff for children five years and over.

Children of program employees must be included in determining the children to staff ratio.

Summary of Non-Compliance Finding:

During a complaint investigation conducted during naptime, it was determined that the center did not have enough providers on the premises to maintain the required staff-to-child ratios in each classroom if children woke unexpectedly or an emergency occurred. Three providers were on lunch break, leaving only two additional providers available in the building to assist with staffing needs.

Corrections to be Made:

- The center must ensure that sufficient qualified providers are present on the premises at all times to maintain the required staff-to-child ratios, including during naptime. Staffing practices must be revised so employee breaks do not result in inadequate coverage or leave classrooms unable to meet ratio requirements if children wake unexpectedly or an emergency occurs.
- The center will submit a staffing correction plan to OLA by October 9, 2026, outlining how it will meet these requirements going forward.

- The center will train all staff on the updated staffing and coverage procedures to ensure consistent implementation by October 16, 2026, and provide documentation to OLA.

Corrections Made:

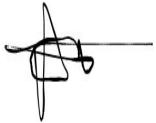
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October 26, 2026

Date Completed:

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.

Amy Taylor

Printed Name of Provider/Agency Contact



Signature of Provider/Agency Contact

October 06, 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



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Signature of DSS Staff:

September 29, 2026

Date