



Licensed Child Caring Agency Unannounced Site Visit Report

Licensee: Wy' East Mountain Academy, Inc.

Executive Director / Headmaster(s): Mike Hanley:

Date of Unannounced: September 29th, 2021

Licensing Coordinator: Ed Wyller

Other Regulatory or Accrediting Agencies: Accreditation International / National Council for Private School Accreditation

Purpose: Per OAR 413-215-0101 (1) (b) Children's Care Licensing is required to perform at least one unannounced site visit a year where children in care reside.

Previous Findings: Unannounced site visit 09/30/2020	Repeat Findings Further Action Needed	Comments
413-215-0261(2)(b) One staff over 18 and current CPR/First Aid certification on site all times when children are in care: "4 of the 5 employee files reviewed were missing CPR / First Aid certifications in charts. Those employees are LG, WB, PG and BM": On 9/30/2020 I reviewed these four staff employee files. Employee WB does not have a valid CPR / First Aid Certification in chart. This will remain a finding and is a Repeated Finding.	Yes ☐ No ☒	On September 1st, 2021 and September 3rd, 2021 All staff completed CPR / First Aid / AED training by Hoodland Fire Department. In addition, Wy'East Mountain Academy has added another scheduled training for Wilderness First Aid that is to occur this upcoming October 2022. NOLS Wilderness First Aid.
Consents 413-215-0271(c) Consent to allow access; "Wy' East Mountain Academy was missing section in youth charts regarding consent to allow access prior to summer term of 2020. This was identified during the renewal review and Wy' East has created and implemented new consent form and has	Yes ☐ No ☒	I verified that current students had consent forms with the required consent to allow access (413-215-0271 c).

completed the corrective action. Ed Wyller verified current students had consent forms in student charts during the review. Corrective Action Completed”: On 9/30/2020 I reviewed new students to Wy’East Mountain Academy. There were not consents signed to allow access as described in 413-215-0271 (c). It was discovered that the newly created form has not been updated to the new electronic “Active” system. This will remain a finding and is a Repeated Finding.		
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New Findings from Site Visit	Comments
N/A	No new findings. Good work!

Interview Summary
I interviewed two students outside while they were practicing their skills on the dry course. I interviewed each student separately and out of distance from their coaches and headmaster. Both students indicated Wy’East Mountain Academy to be a 9 on a scale from 0-10 (0=worst program and 10=best program). One reported that some of the equipment could be improved like the air bags. Both students reported feeling safe at Wy’East and the staff are “super nice and supportive”. One student reported “coaches are good and everyone is nice”. Students denied any bullying amongst the students and reported school is good and teacher is helpful. Food was reported to be “good” and other student indicated it to be “ok”. Both reported having plenty of food and that food and snacks are always available. Sandwiches and premade foods are always available for students to pickup between meals.

Observations

Wy'East Mountain Academy has started a mountain bike component of its programming for students. Now they have skiing, snowboarding/skating, and mountain biking. I walked some of the mountain bike trails and learned more about this new program element. I met one of the new mountain bike coaches who was working on trail course improvements. Wy'East improvements include new mountain bike trails, new gravel parking lot, dodge ball court, and a comprehensive camera system.

A Dean of Students position was created and has been an excellent addition to the team. Mike Hanley created a parent partnership where there is open dialogue with parents and the Headmaster virtually, "Morning Coffee with Mike". Mike reports this has been a positive addition this year. There is a student representative from each cohort group, like a student council, and this has been positive for this school year as well. Campus was clean and organized, and interactions between coaches, teachers, and staff with students were observed as positive/supportive.

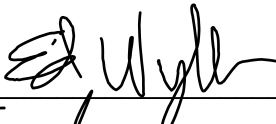
Corrective Actions and Timeframes:

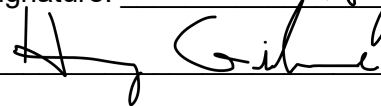
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Due to Covid-19 pandemic and working remotely the preferred method is to send directly to Ed Wyller at his email address.

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Children's Care Licensing Program
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Licensing Coordinator's Signature:  Date: 10-11-2021

Manager Review:  Date: 10-6-2021