



Licensed Child Caring Agency Unannounced Site Visit Report

Licensee: Wy'East Mountain Academy, Inc.

Executive Director: Mike Hanley

Board Chairperson: Kevin English

Date of Unannounced: 10-05-2022

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	Repeat Findings Further Action Needed	Comments
Executive Director or Program Director 413-215-0021 (3)(g) Approval from BCU Mike Hanley has requested a new background check however one has not been received.	Yes ☐ No ☒	
Personnel Files 413-215-0061 (1)(b) & (3)(b) reference checks complete and documented New hires were missing documented references checks	Yes ☐ No ☒	
Additional Findings SB 710: Website – Wy'East has an operational website and will need to post quarterly restraint and seclusion reports 413-215-0077 (11) (d)	Yes ☒ No ☐	Wy'East does have an operational website with quarterly reports posted and has updated their policy. However, student records were missing the following SB 710 requirements and remain out of compliance: - Youth Letter 413-215-0077 (11) (e) - Instruction regarding 413-215-0078 (1) a-c

Youth letter - 413-215-0077 (11) (e) – Each child caring agency shall provide notice regarding how to access the quarterly reports to the parents or guardians of children in care in the program. The child caring agency shall provide the notice upon the child in care's admission and at least two time each year thereafter. 413-215-0078 (1) Each child in care receiving services from a child caring agency must be given the following: (a) Instruction regarding how a child in care may report suspected inappropriate use of restraint or involuntary seclusion. (b) Assurance that the child in care will not experience retaliation for reporting suspected inappropriate uses of restraint or involuntary seclusion. (c) The telephone number for the toll-free child abuse hotline described in ORS 417.805 and the telephone numbers and electronic mail addresses for the program's licensing agency, the child in care's caseworker, and attorney, the child in cares court appointed special advocate and Disability Rights Oregon. Policy update - Update related Wy'East Mountain Academy, Inc. policies to the related changes from SB 710. These are new rule requirements that are now in the Licensing Umbrella Rules: Restraints and Involuntary Seclusions (413-215-0077) 8e		
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New Findings from Site Visit	Comments
N/A	

Interview Summary

I interviewed one student from the ski team and one student from the snow board team. I interviewed one student at a time outside their classroom to ensure a private conversation. Both students reported feeling safe at Wy'East Mountain Academy. One student reported, "feels very safe" and another student reported, "good staff, you can talk to". On a scale from 0-10 (0=worst school and 10 =best school) students reported Wy'East to be an 8.5 and a 9.5. One student reported they are doing better at the Academy and had not done well in a public-school setting. One student reported they like the Ingenuity on-line program that the Academy utilizes. Students reported the school community is "very supportive". Students reported they like the physical aspect of the Academy. One student reported they, "get all of their energy out and loves skiing". The other student reported they are learning so much regarding physical skills and reported working out and enjoying it. Food was reported to be good and both students enjoy it and reported having plenty to eat. One loves the homemade desserts.

Regarding recreation activities, students reported they like to skate on campus or go to the indoor skating/trampoline facility (Bob). Students spoke highly of the weight and aerobic rooms. Recreation activities students spoke about in their cabins include: tv, video games, cards, board games, and listening to music. Students spoke about upcoming competitions such as some were going to Austria tomorrow. Both spoke highly of their coaches and of the school. One reported that they recently took their PSAT on campus and are focused on both their academics and sport.

Observations

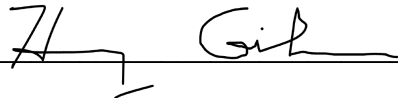
I observed two classrooms with students with their teachers. Later in my visit I observed students going to lunch and some preparing/packing for their competition in Austria. Interactions observed between students and staff were positive and encouraging. Campus was clean and organized. Student enrollment is up and is expected to increase for the winter term. Academy is excited about the new school and all the recent hires for the new school year.

Corrective Actions and Timeframes:

Please submit the following to verify compliance.

Within 45 days of receipt of this report Wy'East Mountain Academy must submit a letter of verification indicating the agency is in compliance with the specific rules cited above and describing how compliance will be maintained going forward. Along with the letter of verification, the agency must submit any and all specific documentation requested in the body of this report. The letter of verification and any additional requested documents can be emailed directly to Ed Wyller edward.wyller@dhsosha.state.or.us

Licensing Coordinator's Signature:  Date: 10/12/22

Manager Review:  Date: 10-12-2022