



**Licensed Child Caring Agency Unannounced Site Visit Report
Academic Boarding School**

Licensee: Wy'East Mountain Academy, Inc.

Executive Director: Mike Hanley

Board Chairperson: Kevin English

Date of Unannounced: April 13th, 2023

Licensing Coordinator: Ed Wyller

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

Purpose: Per OAR 419-400-0240 (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 10/05/2022 Unannounced Site Visit	Repeat Findings Further Action Needed	Comments
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) 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.	Yes ☐ No ☒	I verified that students and parents sign off on how to access quarterly restraint / seclusion reports and other SB 710 related requirements. Wy'East Mountain Academy is now in compliance.

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 care's 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 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		
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New Findings from Site Visit	Comments
N/A	No new findings – Great work!

Interview Summary

I interviewed two students from the Mountain Biking group independently. The interviews took place in the Wy'East classrooms and were away from Wy'East school teachers to ensure privacy. On a scale from 0-10 (0=worst school, 10=best school), students reported Wy'East Mountain Academy to be an 8.5, and 9.0 on that scale. One student reported school to be "so much better than public school". This student added, "likes responsibility it teaches, ability to pursue passion, and college like experience." Both students reported feeling safe at Wy'East Mountain Academy. Food was described as, "really good and really healthy". This students' favorite meals are mac and cheese, steak, and fish tacos. Both students reported having enough food to eat. When asked what they have learned while at Wy'East Mountain Academy, students reported the following: "real life skills, mountain biking tricks, sign language, and other education stuff." Both students reported going on mountain biking competitions this school year to the following areas: Canada, Tennessee, Utah, Montana, Vermont, Las Vegas, and Southern California. Students reported travelling in Oregon and Washington for riding trails as well. Staff and coaches were described as nice and get their job done. When asked if they had a magic wand and could improve the school within reason, students reported having more structure on the weekends.

Observations

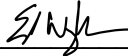
Mike Hanley school headmaster was not on site when I arrived. He spends Thursday morning on Mt Hood skiing with the students. I was toured around the campus by Dan Tattersfield. During the tour I spoke with various staff from school teachers to the cooks.

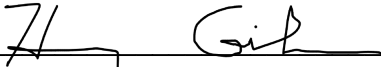
I observed Wy'East campus grounds were clean and organized. A new big screen television has been purchased for the Wy'East cafeteria. This tv is popular for students to watch you tube videos and videos of their own athletic adventures. This past Super Bowl Sunday students brought in couches to watch the game in the cafeteria on the big screen.

Wy'East continues to become a pioneer with equipment for students to use. A large project is set to begin in building a "year-round dryslope airbag. Currently the world's benchmark is in Austria at Banger Park, so we recruited its creator to design its successor here on the Wy'East Mountain Academy Campus. This "best in world" jump will not only develop the next generation of Olympic Skiers and Snowboarders, and its unique inclined elevator will provide access to miles of mountain bike trails and features on the Wy'East Campus."

Wy'East Mountain Academy is currently fundraising and has plans developed to create a learning center / student union building. This building would be built in the center of campus and is designed to create space for the students. During the tour and talking with staff, I learned all 16 seniors that are graduating have been accepted to college. 13 students are on campus and 3 other students participated in the on-line program. Currently it's reported the Grade Point Average is 3.5.

Corrective Actions and Timeframes: No findings to follow up on, good work!

Licensing Coordinator's Signature:  Date: 4/19/2023

Manager Review:  Date: 4-19-2023