



**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD - CHILD CARE COMPLIANCE
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS**

DATE OF REPORT
11/1/2021

DVN
001331562

FACILITY NAME

LA PETITE ACADEMY, INC.

FACILITY ADDRESS

3701 SW CHEDDINGTON DR

CITY

LEES SUMMIT

ZIP CODE

64082-4797

PHONE NUMBER

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COUNTY

JACKSON

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

SNODGRASS, PENNY

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

5 CSR 25-500.202(1)(A)

The provider shall supply and serve nourishing food according to the Meal and Snack Food Chart provided in this rule.

5 CSR 25-500.202(1)(D)

Snacks of fruit juice, raw fruit or vegetable, milk, crackers, cheese, peanut butter or similar nutritious food shall be served.

5 CSR 25-500.202(1)(G)

The acceptable food components and serving sizes for meals and snacks are outlined in the following chart for each age group.

Menus and amounts served shall be based on this chart.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

The Office of Childhood (OOC) determined the allegations of this complaint to be substantiated. The determination is based on observations made by Compliance Inspector (CI) Penny Snodgrass and interviews conducted with acting director Donna Smith and staff members Sarah Tye, Hailey Eckstein and Andra Hehner.

On November 3, 2021 CI Snodgrass conducted an unannounced inspection at the facility arriving at 10:45 AM . During the inspection interviews were conducted with the acting director and staff .

On November 3, 2021 Donna Smith stated that she is currently the acting director because the director is out on a leave of absence. Donna Smith stated that breakfast is served between 8 - 8:30 AM, lunch is served between 11 - 11:30 AM and PM snack is served between 2:30 - 3:30 PM. Donna Smith stated that they provide a copy of the menu for those that want a copy. Donna Smith also stated that the cook follows the menu.

On November 3, 2021 Sarah Tye stated that she is the 2 year old teacher and she has worked at the facility for one month. Sarah Tye stated that the facility serves mostly crackers and water for snack and that the lunch service is ok .

On November 3, 2021 Hailey Eckstein stated that she is the prek teacher and she has worked at the facility for 2 years. Hailey Eckstein stated that pm snacks are mostly some kind of bread product and water.

On November 3, 2021 Andra Hehner stated that she is the lead preschool teacher in the 3/4 year old room. Andra Hehner stated that some of the snacks are just a bread product and water. Andra Hehner stated that she has no lunch food service concerns.

On November 3, 2021 CI Snodgrass observed a copy of the menu for the week of November 1, 2021 while inspecting the facility. CI Snodgrass observed that according to the menu the facility serves breakfast, lunch and pm snack. CI Snodgrass observed that each breakfast served the appropriate food components. CI Snodgrass observed that the lunches listed all food components except for on Wednesday which was the day of the inspection and this day was missing a fruit component however peaches were observed as part of the lunch service. CI Snodgrass observed that on Monday pm snack was listed as soft pretzel and water. CI Snodgrass observed that on Tuesday pm snack was listed as veggie bean crackers and water . CI Snodgrass observed that on Wednesday pm snack was listed as cheesy bread and water . CI Snodgrass observed that on Thursday pm snack was listed as cheese & crackers & water. CI Snodgrass observed that on Friday pm snack was listed as mixed berry animal crackers and water. CI Snodgrass observed that 3 out of the 5 pm snacks listed on the menu for the week of

November 1, 2021 showed only 1 food component being served.

Based on interviews and observations made by CI Snodgrass this allegation is substantiated because all staff interviewed stated that for pm snack the facility mostly served a bread product and water. CI Snodgrass observed that 3 out of the 5 pm snacks listed on the menu for the week of November 1, 2021 showed only 1 food component being served with water. This allegation is substantiated because snacks must include 2 food components and water doesn't count as a food component.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
The facility shall provide one month of menus to the Office of Childhood showing all food components required are served for each meal and snack.	Yes	11/5/2021

DISPOSITION	DISPOSITION DATE
SUBSTANTIATED	6/17/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR
NURNBERG, TONY A