



**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD - CHILD CARE COMPLIANCE**

**COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS**

DATE OF REPORT
7/14/2021

DVN
002636571

FACILITY NAME

WESTPORT MONTESSORI, LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS

3930 BALTIMORE AVE

CITY

KANSAS CITY

ZIP CODE

64111-2224

PHONE NUMBER

(816) 753-6633

COUNTY

JACKSON

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

DUMERCY, MADELINE L

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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19 CSR 30-62.082 (2)(A)(5)

The facility shall be dry, temperature controlled, well-ventilated and free of drafts. Children shall not be overheated or chilled. The temperature of the rooms shall be no less than sixty-eight degrees Fahrenheit (68F) and no more than eighty-five degrees Fahrenheit (85F) when measured two feet (2') from the floor.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Based on the investigation, Section for Child Care Regulations determined Westport Montessori, LLC violated the rule above. On July 15, 2021, the reporter stated the facility got up to 89 degrees on July 13, 2021, and it was getting near the same temperature on July 14, 2021. The air conditioner was not working and the reporter was concerned that it was too hot for the children to be in all day.

On July 15, 2021, Child Care Facility Specialists Madeline Dumercy conducted an unannounced inspection at Westport Montessori, LLC and interviewed Director Christina Wright, Assistant Director C Carolyn Rich, Caregivers Dakota Tosh and Faith Nickens. Director Christina Wright stated that on July 13, 2021 at 4:19 pm the temperature in the two year old thermostat reached to 81 Fahrenheit. In addition, Christina stated the temperature has never reached over 85 Fahrenheit. Caregiver Dakota stated that on July 13 and 14, 2021, after 2:00 pm the thermostat read passed 86 Fahrenheit. It was reported to Director Christina. Carolyn informed Director Christina on July 14, 2021, at 6:06 pm via text the thermostats were reading 91 Fahrenheit in the preschool room and 85 Fahrenheit in the infant classroom. On July 15, 2021, Child Care Facility Specialist Madeline Dumercy observed a text on Assistant Director Carolyn Rich's phone sent to Director Christina informing her the temperature at 6:06 pm on July 14, 2021. Carolyn stated that children were hot in the facility and towards the end of the day they were taking children outside because it was too warm in the building. Caregiver Faith took a photo of the thermostat on July 13, 2021 that read 89 Fahrenheit. On July 15, 2021, Child Care Facility Specialist Madeline Dumercy observed photo on Caregiver Faith Nickens of the temperature on July 13, 2021 at 6:08 pm reading 89 Fahrenheit. On July 14, 2021, before 6:00 pm, Faith was leaving the facility and read the thermostat at 91 Fahrenheit. Faith informed Director Christina and was told that the owner was contacted and they were going to have someone work on it over the weekend.

Based on interviews and observations, there is sufficient evidence the complaint is substantiated.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall provide a statement to the Section for Child Care Regulation that they understand the licensing rule pertaining the proper temperatures in the facility.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

8/11/2021

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The facility shall provide proof that the A/C was fixed by licensed company and send the statement to the Section for Child Care Regulation.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

7/16/2021

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

8/11/2021

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

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