

Notice of Findings

Notice To: Maria Chavez - Director
Facility Name: Apple Academy
Owner: Maria Chavez
Site Address: 1823 17th street
City/State/Zip: Cheyenne, WY 82001

The Department of Family Services has completed the investigation regarding alleged violation(s) of the Wyoming Child Care Rules received on 06/17/2025, and investigated by Ariel Schmitzer.

A statement of childcare allegation, CPL-5952, was provided on 06/18/2025.

The finding is listed below for each individual alleged violation of the Wyoming Child Care Licensing Rules:

1. Finding: Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements
Section 8. Transportation and Field Trips.

(c) The number of persons in a vehicle used to transport children shall not exceed the manufacturer's recommended capacity nor the number of seat belts installed when the vehicle was manufactured.

Allegation: It has been reported that on one or more occasions in the last month that more children have been transported in vehicles than the vehicle has seating for.

Explanation of Findings: It has been found through evidence gathered and interviews with the director that there is not enough evidence for a finding of non-compliance.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date:
Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:
Compliance Due Date:
Compliance Achieved Date:

2. Finding: Non-Compliant

Regulation: Chapter 4. General Requirements
Section 8. Transportation and Field Trips.

(d) Each child who is a passenger shall be properly secured in a child safety restraint system or seat belt as required by law. The child safety restraint system shall conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for child restraint systems.

Allegation: It has been reported that on one or more occasions in the last month that children have been transported in vehicles without the proper safety seats and or safety restraints.

Explanation of Findings: It has been found through evidence gathered and interviews with the director that children under the age of nine years old have been transported without an age appropriate safety seats in the facilitates van per Wyoming vehicle safety laws.

Action Required: Immediately discontinue the practice of allow children 9 and under to be transported without an age appropriate safety seat. Please submit a corrective action plan

detailing how you will ensure that all children are transported safely.

Corrective Action Plan Due Date: 07/23/2025

Corrective Action Plan Achieved Date:

Compliance Due Date: 07/23/2025

Compliance Achieved Date:

The Department requests your cooperation in ensuring compliance is met. In the absence of cooperation, the Department may take whatever steps are necessary to ensure the safety of children.

The Department's information may be shared with the authorized individuals or agencies, which include, but are not limited to, the Attorney General, County Attorney, and law enforcement.

If you disagree with the Department's finding of non-compliance for a violation, you may request an Administrative hearing within (10) days of your receipt of this letter (W.S. 14-4-108). Administrative hearing procedures are included in the Department of Family Services' **Wyoming Child Care Licensing Rules, Chapter 3, Section 5: Contested Case Hearing Rules**, and based upon the above statute. If you have questions, or need a copy of the Rules, you may contact the Department of Family Services Field office in the county where you live.

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Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ariel Schmitzer', written over a horizontal line.

Ariel Schmitzer

Date: 07/09/2025

CC:

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