

Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:
Renewal Inspection

Pursuant to section 21 of the *Early Childhood Services Act*, operators of licensed early learning and childcare facilities must post their most recent inspection report in a clearly visible and prominent place in the facility.

Name of Operator The Preschool Centre Inc.		Inspection Date December 01, 2025
Facility Name The Preschool Centre		Licence Number 518003
Address 717 Windsor Street Fredericton NB E3B 4G3		Telephone Number (506) 458-8982
Type of Facility Full-time Early Learning and Childcare Centre	Maximum Number of Children 126	Ages of Children INFANTS PRESCHOOL SCHOOL-AGE
ELCC Licensing Staff Laura Casey	Position Title Inspector	

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
22 The daily routine of a licensed facility shall include (a) outdoor play for at least one hour in each four-hour block of time when the majority of children receiving services are in attendance except in the following circumstances: (i) the wind chill is below -20 °C; (ii) the temperature is below -20 °C; or (iii) the temperature is 33 °C with humidity or above.	22(a)	Dec 08, 2025	
<p>Comments: During inspection, children from the 3-year-old classroom and the 4-year-old classroom did not go outdoors in the morning. The daily routine of a licensed facility shall include outdoor play for at least one hour in each four-hour block of time as outdoor play is important to a child's healthy development.</p> <p>Licensing staff observed the 4-year-old classroom go outdoors after lunch while the other classrooms were napping. A follow-up visit will occur to observe the morning routine for all children.</p>			
9(1) The child-to-staff ratio is one educator for each of the following groups of children of the same age receiving services at a full-time or part-time early learning and childcare centre: (a) three infants or fewer; (b) five children or fewer who are two years of age; (c) eight children or fewer who are three years of age; (d) ten children or fewer who are four years of age or older, but who are not yet attending school; and (e) 15 school-age children or fewer.	9(1)	Dec 01, 2025	Dec 01, 2025
<p>Comments: During outdoor play after lunch, Licensing staff observed only one Educator present with 16 children from the 4-year-old classroom. The child-to-staff ratio for 4-year-old children is 1:10 and must be maintained at all times. Please note that an Educator Assistant providing services to children with additional support needs does not count in the ratio; however, the child remains counted in the ratio.</p> <p>Licensing staff discussed ratio with the Educator outdoors and advised the onsite Administrator. A second Educator was added to the outdoor play space</p> <p>Deficiency is now compliant</p>			

General Comments
Licensing staff arrived to conduct the renewal inspection. Upon arrival, the Jr. Toddler room, the 2-year-old room and the mixed age 3/4-year-old room were preparing to go outdoors. The 3-year-old and 4-year-old rooms were observed participating in tabletop activities.

General Comments

The outdoor play areas were fully fenced and secured with latching gates. The Jr Toddlers and 2-year-old year old children were observed playing with mud kitchen accessories, on a small slide, jumping on stepping stumps, climbing through a pipe tunnel and looking at pumpkins on the other side of the fence the squirrels have been eating. Educators were spread out to maintain clear lines of sight and were actively engaged with the children. As a reminder, please ensure that additional protective sufficing is added at the bottom of the small slide.

Indoors, each classroom was organized and bright. Children's artwork and current learning stories were on display. Play material was accessible and in good condition. Children in the 3-year-old classroom were observed making snow globe decorations with glitter and salt for their upcoming Holiday Concert while children in the 4-year-old classroom were colouring and decorating cut out candy canes, hats, and mittens. Positive words of encouragement were heard during both activities.

Before lunch, proper diaper changing and handwashing was observed. During lunch time, the children were observed sitting together at low tables and were served pasta with shredded cheese, mixed vegetables and sliced melon. The transition from lunch to nap/quiet time was smooth. Soft music was played, and the curtains were closed.

During inspection, child and staff files were verified. All required licensing documentation was present. Daily attendance forms are being completed, and monthly fire drills and outdoor maintenance checks are being conducted. Allergy information as well as emergency evacuation procedures were visibly posted throughout the facility. The posting board in the main entry well as in the downstairs classrooms were organized. Children's personal belongings in the preschool classrooms cubbies as well as the in the hallways were neat and tidy, and hooks were available for the school-age children.

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Laura Casey

Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

December 02, 2025

Date

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Kristine Schuttenbeld

Signature of Operator/Designated staff

December 02, 2025

Date

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