

BRIGHT FROM THE START
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Mrs. Gayle Daniels, Program Official
Samantha Daniels
3575 Macon Rd, Suites 10/11
Columbus, Georgia 31907

Re: The Learning Center
Exemption Program Number: EX-52998
3575 Macon Rd
Columbus, Georgia 31907
(Muscogee County)

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

On August 04, 2020, Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning received an Exemption Application for the program at the above location. Based on a review of your program description, it was determined that this program meets the criteria for exemption from state licensure as follows:

591-1-1-.46(1)(b)11. () Short-term educational programs offered to school-aged children in which the supervision and care of the children are incidental to their participation in the short-term educational program, and the provider is not assuming responsibility for the provision of daily child care outside the scheduled program. The majority of staff responsible for the direct delivery of education services to children possesses specialized qualifications that are directly related to the short term educational programs being offered, and the program shall submit documentation of such specialized qualifications to the department at the time of application for exemption or as requested by the department. The sole or primary purpose of such short term educational programs is:

- **To prepare children for advancement to the next educational level through a prescribed course of study or curriculum;**
- **To provide specialized tutoring services through a prescribed course of study or curriculum to assist children with the passage of mandatory educational proficiency examinations;**
- **To provide specialized tutoring services through a prescribed course of study or curriculum to assist children in specific academic areas, such as, but not limited to, foreign language, mathematics, science, etc.**

CONDITIONS OF EXEMPTION:

- **Ages of Children: 5 years through 17 years**
- **Operation Months: January through December**
- **Operation Days: Monday through Friday**
- **Operation Hours: Weekday Hours : 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm**
- **Attendance limited to a maximum of 10 hours a week per child.**

- Maintain attendance records.

Note: Exemption approval means this program is not licensed as a child care learning center and is not required to be licensed because the program operations meet the criteria as described above. Therefore, the program is not required to comply with the Bright from the Start Rules for Child Care Learning Centers and is not required to comply with the fingerprint criminal record check requirements. Bright from the Start will not regulate or routinely inspect this program and will only monitor the program to ensure compliance with exemption criteria and requirements or to collect data. The facility must meet all local requirements, such as complying with building, zoning, and fire regulations.

This exemption program number EX-52998 and the exemption category number remain valid as long as there are no changes in the program. If you alter the program in any way or move the program to a new location, you must submit a new exemption application for review. You must also notify Bright from the Start if the program stops operating. This letter and the enclosed Exemption Notice must be posted in a conspicuous location for public viewing.

Also, enclosed are the requirements for exempt programs for you to use as a reference to ensure your program remains in compliance. Current information about exemptions can also be found at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/Exemptions.aspx>.

If you have questions or need general support, contact Rosalyn Elder at (404) 780-0868 or at rosalyn.elder@decal.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nikiesha Neil".

Nikiesha Neil
Exemptions Unit Manager

cc: Exemption File
Rukiya Thomas