Duluth District Office
Minnesota Department of Health
11 East Superior Street, Suite 290
Duluth, MN 55802
Phone: 651-201-4500

Food & Beverage Inspection Report

Establishment Info

Area Learning Center
424 West First Street
Duluth, MN 55802
St Louis County
Parcel:

Phone:
sheila.oak@isd709.org

License Info

License: 0046353

Risk: High
License: FBLB-1, HOSP-1, FBC2-1, FBSC-1
Expires on: 12/31/2026
CFPM: Thomas Rusk
CFPM #: 18897; Exp: 1/4/2028

Inspection Info

Report Number: F7980261133
Inspection Type: Full - Single
Date: 10/13/2026 Time: 12:20:11 PM
Duration: minutes
Announced Inspection: Yes
Total Priority 1 Orders: 0
Total Priority 2 Orders: 0
Total Priority 3 Orders: 0
Delivery: Emailed

No orders were issued for this inspection report.

Food & Beverage General Comment

Notes
1. Food is prepared at Denfeld and transported hot to this location and served within 30 minutes. Any leftovers are returned to Denfeld along with pans and other dishes.
2. You may store any dry goods including food in the upstairs serving area cabinets. The items should be secured since it is an open area to staff and students.
3. Additional storage/shelving may be added to either food service space on the lower level since both rooms have approved finishes.
4. If there is a rise in student illness pull back all self service items
5. Staff illness was discussed an employee illness log is kept and staff are excluded for 24 hours after all symptoms stop for diarrhea and vomiting.

NOTE: All new food equipment must meet the applicable standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Plans and specifications must be submitted for review and approval prior to new construction, remodeling or alterations.

I acknowledge receipt of the Duluth District Office inspection report number F7980261133 from 10/13/2026

Sara Bents

Tom Rusk
Food manager

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Temperature Observations/Recordings

Establishment Info

Area Learning Center
Duluth
County/Group: St Louis County

Inspection Info

Report Number: F7980261133
Inspection Type: Full
Date: 10/13/2026
Time: 12:20:11 PM

Food Temperature: **Product/Item/Unit:** Corn Dogs**; Temperature Process:** Receiving
Location: at 168 Degrees F.
Comment:
Violation Issued?: No

Food Temperature: **Product/Item/Unit:** Single door-Apple sauce**; Temperature Process:** Cold-Holding
Location: Upright Cooler at 37 Degrees F.
Comment:
Violation Issued?: No

Food Temperature: **Product/Item/Unit:** Left-Apple sauce**; Temperature Process:** Cold-Holding
Location: Upright Cooler at 41 Degrees F.
Comment:
Violation Issued?: No

Food Temperature: **Product/Item/Unit:** Right-Milk**; Temperature Process:** Cold-Holding
Location: Upright Cooler at 41 Degrees F.
Comment:
Violation Issued?: No

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Sanitizer Observations/Recordings

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Duluth
County/Group: St Louis County

Inspection Info

Report Number: F7980261133
Inspection Type: Full
Date: 10/13/2026
Time: 12:20:11 PM

Sanitizing Chemical: **Product:** Chlorine**; Sanitizing Process:** Wiping Cloth Bucket
Location: Prep Area **Equal To** 100 PPM
Comment:
Violation Issued?: No

Sanitizing Chemical: **Product:** Chlorine**; Sanitizing Process:** Wiping Cloth Bucket
Location: Cafeteria **Equal To** 100 PPM
Comment:
Violation Issued?: No

Sanitizing Equipment: **Product:** Hot Water**; Sanitizing Process:** Dish Machine
Location: Dishwashing Area **Equal To** 162 Degrees F.
Comment: Wash
Violation Issued?: No

Sanitizing Equipment: **Product:** Hot Water**; Sanitizing Process:** Dish Machine
Location: Dishwashing Area **Equal To** 173 Degrees F.
Comment: Rinse thermo label black
Violation Issued?: No

Minnesota (MDH) Version
EH Manager; RPT: F7980261133

Food Establishment Inspection Report

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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No. of Risk Factor/Intervention/Violations	0	Date: 10/13/2026
No. of Repeat Risk Factor/Intervention/Violations		Time: 12:20:11 PM
Score (optional)		Dur: min

Establishment:	Address:	City/State:	Zip:	Phone:
Area Learning Center	424 West First Street	Duluth, MN	55802	

License/Permit #:	Permit Holder:	Purpose of Inspection:	Est. Type:	Risk Category:
0046353		Full		High

FOODBORNE ILLNESS RISK FACTORS AND PUBLIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS

Designated compliance status (IN, OUT, N/O, N/A) for each numbered item

IN=in compliance **OUT**=not in compliance **N/O**=not observed **N/A**=not applicable

Mark "X" in appropriate box for COS and/or R

COS=corrected on-site during inspection **R**=repeat violation

	Compliance Status		COS	R
	Supervision			
1	IN	Person in charge present, demonstrate knowledge and performs duties		
2	IN	Certified Food Protection Manager		
	Employee Health			
3	IN	knowledge, responsibiities, and reporting		
4	IN	Proper use of restriction and exclusion		
5	IN	Response to vomiting, diarrheal events		
	Good Hygienic Practices			
6	IN	Proper eating, tasting, drinking, tobacco use		
7	IN	No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth		
	Preventing Contamination by Hands			
8	IN	Hands clean and properly washed		
9	IN	No bare hand contact with RTE foods, alternatives		
10	IN	Adequate handwashing sinks supplied and access		
	Approved Source			
11	IN	Food obtained from approved source		
12	IN	Food Received at proper temperature		
13	IN	Food in good condition, safe & unadulterated		
14	N/A	Records available: shellstock tags, parasite dest.		
	Protection From Contamination			
15	IN	Food separated and protected		
16	IN	Food-contact surfaces; cleaned & sanitized		
17	IN	Proper Disposition of returned, previously served, reconditioned,& unsafe food		

	Compliance Status		COS	R
	Time/Temperature Control for Safety			
18	N/A	Proper cooking time & temperatures		
19	N/A	Proper reheating procedures for hot holding		
20	N/A	Proper cooling time and temperature		
21	IN	Proper hot holding temperatures		
22	IN	Proper cold holding temperatures		
23	N/A	Proper date marking & disposition		
24	IN	Time as public health control;procedures & record		
	Consumer Advisory			
25	N/A	Consumer advisory provided for raw or undercooked foods		
	Highly Susceptible Populations			
26	IN	Pasteurized foods used; prohibited foods not offered		
	Food/Color Additives and Toxic Substances			
27	N/A	Food additives; approved & properly used		
28	IN	Toxic substances properly identified;stored;used		
	Conformance with Approved Procedures			
29	N/A	Compliance with variance, specialized processes & HACCP plan		

Risk factors are improper practices or procedures identified as the most prevalent contributing factors of foodborne illness or injury. Public Health Interventions are control measures to prevent foodborne illness or injury

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES

Good Retail Practices are preventative measures to control the addition of pathogens, chemicals, and physical objects into foods.

Mark "X" or OUT in box if numbered item is **not** in compliance Mark "X" in appropriate box for COS and/or R **COS**=corrected on-site during inspection **R**=repeat violation

			COS	R
		Safe Food and Water		
30	N/A	Pasteurized eggs used where required		
31		Water & ice from approved source		
32	N/A	Variance obtained for specialized processing methods		
		Food Temperature Control		
33		Proper cooling methods used; adequate equipment for temperature control		
34	N/A	Plant food properly cooked for hot holding		
35	N/A	Approved thawing methods used		
36		Thermometers provided & accurate		
		Food Identification		
37		Food properly labeled; original container		
		Prevention of Food Contamination		
38		Insects, rodents, & animals not present; no unauthorized person		
39		Contamination prevented during food prep, storage, & display		
40		Personal cleanliness		
41		Wiping cloths: properly used & stored		
42		Washing fruits & vegetables		

			COS	R
		Proper Use of Utensils		
43		In-use utensils; Properly stored		
44		Utensils, equipment & linens; properly stored, dried, handled		
45		Single-use & single-service articles, properly stored and used		
46		Gloves used properly		
		Utensils, Equipment and Vending		
47		Food & non-food contact surfaces cleanable, properly designed, constructed, & used		
48		Warewashing facilities: installed, maintained, used; test strips		
49		Non-food contact surfaces clean		
		Physical Facilities		
50		Hot & cold water available; adequate pressure		
51		Plumbing installed; proper backflow devices		
52		Sewage & waste water properly disposed		
53		Toilet facilities; properly constructed, supplied & cleaned		
54		Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained		
55		Physical facilities installed, maintained & clean		
56		Adequate ventilation & lighting; designated areas used		
57		Compliance with MCIAA		
58		Compliance with licensing and plan review		

Person in Charge (signature)

Inspector (signature) Sara Bents

Follow-up: Follow-up Date: