

Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell-Grant Ragan Elementary **Enrollment:** 136 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47633

Street: 645 NE Dartmoor DR **City:** Waukee **Iowa Zip** 50263 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 560 SE University AVE, Waukee, IA, 50263

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes and Rich Miller **Phone Number:** 515-987-0435

On-Site Supervisor(s): Michelle Macias **E-Mail:** awilmes@waukeeschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-19-2018

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** NA

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-28-2018

FIRE INSPECTION **State** X **Local** NA **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 08-15-2018

Comments : The Waukee Fire Marshal.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	0	0	0	245	245
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 01-01-2019 to 01-01-2021
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

Date: 12-20-2018

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A full licensing visit was conducted on 12/19/18. The on-site supervisor was present throughout the visit and director, Rich Miller, arrived shortly after this consultant arrived at the center.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Beyond the Bell - Grant Ragan is a school-age program located within the Grant Ragan Elementary School in Waukee. This is a newer program that was given permission to open on 8/23/16. During the school year, children can attend 6:30am-8:40am and/or 3:40pm-6:00pm. During the summer months and No School days, the program is open 6:30am-6:30pm. This is one of five Beyond the Bell programs and they all use a similar learning curriculum based off of other learning curriculums.

All five programs are overseen by a Board. The directors of this program and the other Beyond the Bell programs are Andrea Wilmes and Rich Miller. Andrea is also the director of the two Wee Warrior programs in Waukee. Both individuals meet the requirements as director. The on-site supervisor at this program is Michelle Macias. Michelle has many years of experience working in child care and has taken several courses to meet the requirements of on-site supervisor.

The center uses primarily the cafeteria and the gym which are connected to each other. The center also uses the outdoor playground area.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Enrollment has again increased within the past year indicating a need in the community.

The center has a good system in place for tracking staff training hours and time frames.

The center has a good system in place for getting and tracking children coming to the program after school is dismissed.

Staff use walkie-talkies to communicate with each other.

All of the Beyond the Bell programs have information about their programs listed through the Waukee School District Website.

Monthly staff meetings are held. In addition, the directors of the Beyond the Bell programs meet at least quarterly with other directors of similar before/after school programs in the western suburbs. Finally, on-site supervisors of the BTB programs have monthly meetings.

There is a good working relationship with other school personnel.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.

There was one epipen medication that was expired.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade.

There is one area around the swings where the black under-tarp is exposed. This area should not be used until sufficient surfacing (wood chips) can be added. This black under-tarp is also exposed by a sliding pole by another climbing structure. There are a few handles on the climbing walls that are loose and should be tightened. THE PLAYGROUND IS A REPEAT ISSUE NOW THREE YEARS IN A ROW.

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed.

There was a bag of pancake flour that was not sufficiently sealed after being opened in the storage closet.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

If any areas by the swings and/or climbing structures (with fall zones greater than 18 inches in height) have the black under-tarp exposed, these areas should be off limits to children during center hours of operation until sufficient surfacing (wood chips) can be added.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.