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

Name of Center: Carroll Community School District Tiger Zone **Enrollment:** 24 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51095

Street: 525 E 18th ST **City:** Carroll Iowa **Zip** 51401 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: 1026 N Adams ST, Carroll, IA, 51401

Director's Name: Amanda Agustus **Phone Number:** 712-775-5013

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** aaugustus@carrolltigers.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-21-2024

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:** 10-18-2022

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

Date Inspected: 08-30-2024

Comments : Fire inspections are due every three years.

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: 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: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	0	0	15	25	40
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2024 to 12-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 10-28-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Carroll Community School District Tiger Zone on 10-21-2024. The center was given permission to open on 8/19/20 and operates during the school year. The center is located in the Fairview Elementary School. After school child care services, and wrap around child care for preschool age children are offered to children in preschool to 4th grade. The center is owned by the school. Amanda Agustus became the director in August 2023, she has worked for Fairview Elementary School since 2017. Amanda has a substitute endorsement. I met with Amanda during my licensing visit. The center utilizes their own learning curriculum based off of other learning curriculums.

Observation of room:
There are two rooms that are used. The preschool wrap around program was added to the license in September 2024 and the other room is the school age after school program, they also utilize the indoor gym and the outdoor playground area. The rooms looked nice and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The wrap around program was in session, the school age children were in school. There were six children present with Amanda. The children were getting ready to go play outside. Amanda makes the lesson plans/activities.
Amanda, make sure you have a copy of the Care Centers and Preschools Licensing Standards and Procedures. Please read and become familiar with the policies and procedures.

Nutrition:
The center provides the daily snack. Make sure your snacks follow the CACFP food program guidelines and make sure you post a snack menu.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. Medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication. Amanda reported that the building has all electric appliances - If your building has fuel burning appliances an annual fuel burning inspection is required - if your school has a boiler please get the annual boiler inspection. Since you are in a school the Department of Education is responsible for radon testing. Child care licensing is no longer required to monitor your radon testing.
Amanda reported the center uses the following products for sanitizing. Please consult with you child care nurse consultant to make sure these products are EPA and child care approved. Envrox oxidizing multipurpose cleaner, degreaser and sanitizer. You need to follow the three step bottle procedure for sanitizing 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. You EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing. If you are using bleach/water it needs to be mixed new everyday.

Playground:
The school playground is used. Monthly playground inspections are completed. Amanda reported that woodchips surfacing was recently added.

Transportation:
Some children receive transportation from the school bus.

Administrative records:
Child files were in excellent order.
Staff files were read - one staff was in need of a criminal record check. The center must follow the Department of Health and Human Services record check process. If a staff criminal record check states further research required you can't hire that person until the further research required is resolved. If a person has a conviction on either record check you must follow the evaluation process in the record check directions.
All staff must use the Department of Health and Human Services staff physical form.
Amanda meets with her staff on a daily basis.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Carroll Community School District Tiger Zone is a wonderful resource for the community/school.
The preschool wrap around program was added to the license in September 2024

Amanda Agustus is very enthusiastic and proud of the program.
Amanda had excellent interactions with the children, she was kind and attentive to the needs of the children. The school is supportive of the program. The center has access to other school resources and personnel.

The center utilizes the Family Resource Center as needed.

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

109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
One staff was in need of a criminal record check. Amanda Agustus reported that the criminal record check has been completed.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 12-1-2024 to 12-1-2026.

9-12-2024 - Administrative change - increase in capacity of 15 children for a new room for preschool wrap around child care. Total capacity is now 40.
Fire inspection approval 8-30-2024.

*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.