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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell - Brookview Elementary

Provider No.: 52930

Address: 8000 EP True Parkway, West Des Moines, IA, 50266

County: Polk

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes

On-Site Supervisor: Melanie Fucaloro

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HHS Visit Date: 09/09/2026

Licensing Period: 10/01/2025 to 10/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/09/2026

Comments: West Des Moines Fire Marshal. For licensing requirements, these inspections are due at least every three years. The City of West Des Moines typically does annual inspections.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				150	150
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 9/9/26. The on-site supervisor was present throughout this inspection.

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 Brookview Elementary is a school-age program located within the Brookview Elementary School. The center is overseen by a Board and owned by the Waukee School District. Beyond the Bell took over this program from another program on 8/25/25. The center serves school-age children year-round. During the school year, children attend 6:30am - 8:30am and/or 3:35pm - 6:00pm. During no school days and summer months, children attend 6:30am - 6:00pm. There are also several early out days during the month. The center uses parts of the Creative Learning Curriculum with children. The center utilizes the cafeteria, gym, and outdoor playground areas. Total child enrollment is currently 57 children.

The director of this program as well as the other Beyond the Bell programs, three Wee-Care programs, and Vince Meyer Learning Club is Andrea Wilmes. Andrea has been a long-time director and has a BA degree. The on-site supervisor of this program is Melanie Fucaloro. Melanie has a lot of experience working in child care and the school setting.

NUTRITION: During the school year and school days, the school provides breakfast to children in the mornings. The center provides the children a PM snack. During the summer months and no school days, the center provides the AM snack and PM snack to children and parents are responsible for brining in their child's lunch. All food storage observed was

sufficient. Children eat in the cafeteria.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The center utilizes the Waukee School District for busing needs when going on field trips. For all field trips, a first-aid kit and children's emergency contacts are taken along.

PLAYGROUND: The playground is large and spaced out. There are two climbing structure areas, a blacktop area, and a grassy area. The center primarily uses just one of the climbing structure areas. Poured in place rubber is used for surfacing. There are a few areas on the main climbing structure area used where they poured in place rubber is in need of repair and one area specifically. The school building and trees provide some shade. Monthly playground inspections are being documented.

During the inspection, children were divided up between the gym where they were doing large motor activities and the cafeteria where children were engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations made available to them. Many children were observed playing with blocks and other manipulative toys. Toys, tables, and other equipment are being sanitized daily. Staff need to know the dwell time of the cleaning product they are using. Monthly fire and tornado drills are being conducted and documented.

For more challenging child behaviors, all BTB programs and other related programs have access to a behavioral specialist. Staff are taught to know when they may need a short break and to communicate with each other and work together as a team. Communication and documentation are also stressed with children and parents. The program makes it an emphasis to get to know their families. The program also works with the school for any additional resources that may be available.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The director and on-site supervisor both have a lot of experience working in school-age child care programs located in schools.

All of the BTB programs, Wee Care programs, and Vince Meyer have a behavioral specialist at their disposal.

The center has a good working relationship with other school personnel.

The director meets with other directors of the western Des Moines suburbs for meetings.

On-site supervisors of all of the programs meet weekly for meetings with each other.

Monthly staff meetings will be held at this site for staff working at this program.

All of the programs have the same handbooks, administrative people, and can share staff as needed. There is continuity.

Staff photos are posted by the main entrance.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.7(1): All staff (within first three months of employment):Iowa’s training for the mandatory reporting of child abuse. At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions. Certification in First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Minimum health and safety trainings, (Essentials) approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
----------One staff member stated they had completed Essentials as well as Mandatory Reporter, but these certificates could not be located in I - Power or in the hard copy staff file.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sufficient lighting shall be

provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. Sufficient cooling. Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.
All staff members need to know the dwell times for cleaning products to remain on surfaces.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

The staff member with the missing training certificates was going to check through their personal email for these items. The director was also contacted and will check with the District HR Department.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they only serve school-age children and within a school building.

All staff will need to have I - Power profiles and training should be uploaded if not automatically uploaded. Any staff member know longer working at this program should be unlinked from the center profile.

There is one specific area of the playground where the poured in place rubber needs to be repaired. Until this area can be repaired, it is recommended children not play in this area and/or on this particular piece of equipment.

Date: 09/10/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.