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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell - Sugar Creek Elementary

Provider No.: 51905

Address: 965 Ashworth RD, Waukee, IA, 50263

County: Dallas

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes

On-Site Supervisor: David Naylor

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HHS Visit Date: 09/02/2026

Licensing Period: 10/01/2026 to 10/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/26/2026

Comments: Waukee Fire Marshal. For licensing purposes, inspections are due at least every three years. The center will need to have a copy of this report on file. Per an email forwarded from the director, all of the Waukee Schools were inspection in August 2026.

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	0	0	0	274	274
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing inspection was conducted on 9/2/26. The on-site supervisor was present throughout the 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

Beyond the Bell - Sugar Creek Elementary is center that was given permission to open on 8/23/22. The center is owned by the Waukee School District and overseen by a Board. The director of this program and the 11 other Beyond the Bell programs (as well as the three Wee Care programs and Vince Meyer Learning Club) is Andrea Wilmes. Andrea has a BA degree and has worked in child care for many years, which includes many years as the director of the above named programs. The on-site supervisor of this program is David Naylor. David has a BA degree and a Masters degree and also has past experience working in child care, specifically before/after school programs.

The center serves school-age children who attend this school and they use parts of the Creative Learning Curriculum with children. There is a before school component, after-school component, and all-day programming on no school days and during the summer months. The center uses the gym (capacity 184), cafeteria (capacity 90), and outdoor playground area. Morning hours are 6:30am - 8:35am. Afternoon hours (not counting early out days) are 3:35pm - 6:00pm. Summer hours are 6:30am - 6:00pm. Total child enrollment on the day of the inspection was 111 children.

NUTRITION: The center serves children a PM snack throughout the year. The school provides breakfast to children. During the summer months and no school days, children are required to bring in their own lunches. All food storage was sufficient. Menus are posted for the month. All food items met CACFP requirements.

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TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The center contacts with the school district for transportation for field trips. For all field trips, a first-aid back pack and children's emergency contacts are taken along. Field trips are taken more during the summer months.

PLAYGROUND: The playground consists of a blacktop area, grassy area, and two climbing structure and swing areas. Poured in place rubber is used for surfacing for the climbing structures and swing areas. There is a shade structure in one area and the building also provides some shade. There are some issues with a purple piece of equipment used for a large motor game not being securely bolted down and bolts being too long. Monthly playground inspections are being recorded.

During the inspection, children were divided up between the cafeteria and the gym. In the gym, there were two staff and they were facilitating a game of soccer with the children and reviewing the rules and teams. In the cafeteria, children were spaced out among the tables and engaged in free-choice play. Children were observed playing with Playdough, drawing, coloring, and playing with blocks. Staff were spaced out, walking around, and interacting with children. Children gave specific answers when questioned on where they relocate to for months fire and tornado drills. Toys, tables, and other equipment are being cleaned and sanitized daily.

For more challenging child behaviors, all of the BTB and related programs have a behavioral specialist on staff who is involved. Communication between staff with each other, with children, and with parents is stressed as is teamwork among all parties. Documentation is also stressed to keep tabs on progress or lack thereof. Staff make it a point to get to know their families they serve.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Enrollment remains steady.

There is a secure entrance into the building.

The director stated the on-site supervisor is very detailed, organized, and communicates well with others and she has received compliments on him because of these traits.

This is one of 11 Beyond the Bell programs (there are also three Wee Care programs and a program at Vince Meyer). All have the same director and operate in similar fashion. There is continuity among all of the programs.

There are good relationships between staff, parents, and other school personnel.

Staff use walkie talkies to communicate between areas of the center.

Staff pictures are posted.

An organized system is in place for gathering children and attendance at the beginning of the day and end of the school day.

Staff reportedly work well with each other. There is stability between staff and their employment at this location.

All programs have access to a behavioral specialist.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(4)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 is now slightly past due for another SING check. The director was notified of this to have HR make this a priority.

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.

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One child was missing doctor information. It was noted that this child's two other siblings had this information documented.

109.10(13)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year. August 2026 fire drills were not documented.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center is exempt from environmental testing since they serve only school-age children in a school building.

I - Power was discussed at the visit. Staff should continue to create profiles and upload training certificates if they are not automatically uploaded. Any staff no longer with the program should be unlinked from the specific program.

It is again recommended parents list at least one authorized pick up/emergency contact other than themselves.

See notes above on the purple piece of equipment on the playground. It does not appear to be structurally secured to the ground.

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

Date: 09/03/2026

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.

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