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

Name of Center: The Goddard School of Waukee **Enrollment:** 141 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47986

Street: 80 NE Carefree LN **City:** Waukee Iowa **Zip** 50263 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 80 NE Carefree LN, Waukee, IA, 50263

Director's Name: Holly Showalter and Liz Smith **Phone Number:** 515-297-6555

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** dwaukeeia2@goddardschools.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-07-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-27-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-20-2023

Comments : Waukee Fire Marshal.

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

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited X NAEYC NSACA Other NA

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

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	24	12	92		128
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2023 to 04-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 03-08-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 3/7/24. Director, Holly Showalter, was present throughout this visit.

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. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

The Goddard School of Waukee is a center in Waukee, IA that was given permission to open on 11/8/16. The center opened for business on 11/14/16. The center serves children six weeks in age to roughly six years in age using the Wonders of Learning Curriculum which is Goddard based. The center is open year-round. There are a total of nine classrooms.

The owner and head director of the center is Liz Smith. Liz has a BA degree in Education. Liz has past experience working in child care and the school setting. The director of the center as of 1/2021 is Holly Showalter. Holly has a BA degree in Education and has past experience working in child care.

During the visit, the majority of children were observed napping in cribs, being held while being bottle fed, playing outside on the playground, engaged in free-choice play at the different learnings stations set up in classrooms, and engaged in a large group learning activity being facilitated by staff.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Enrollment continues to increase.

The center is very well lit and was clean.

There is a secure entrance into the building. There is also a security outside camera system in place.

The center uses an electronic system for checking staff/children into and out of the center. Daily sheets and other forms are also electronic (Kaymbu).

Lead teachers all have degrees (preschool and up).

Monthly staff meetings are held.

Parent-teacher conferences are held two times a year. The center also has a website and Facebook page to communicate

with parents.

A certified playground inspection company does a full inspection on the center playground areas yearly.

Staff receive recognition for good work ("shout outs" and "teacher of the month"). Staff are eligible for benefits and wages are competitive. Staff receive more training than required and management provides staff with modeling and coaching to achieve best practice. There is a good core staff retention.

In 2/2021, the center became NAEYC accredited. The center is also considering the IQ4K process which is based on best practice care.

Several staff are involved in the Wages program.

The center is involved in a Spanish teaching program, yoga, chess, S.T.E.M., tennis, choir, and other programs for children to participate.

The director is organized.

Within the past year, many of the classrooms have been freshly painted.

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

109.9(2)b: 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.
Number not in compliance for medical: 0
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: All children enrolled at the center need to have listed a doctor and a dentist, regardless of age. For a doctor and a dentist, the name, address, and phone number must be listed. THIS IS REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

109.10(15)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.
Evacuation procedures were not posted in the two/two and a half classroom.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
Daily schedules need to be posted and include actual times.

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 were some issues with dry food storage not being sealed sufficiently in two classrooms.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last tested 12/24/23 - 12/26/23. All but one classroom came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff. One classroom came back with radon levels right at 4.0. This classroom will have to be retested to get levels below 4.0. A radon mitigation specialist will need to be contacted if this classroom is still 4.0 or higher at the next test. Because of the one classroom being at 4.0, the center will remain on an every two year testing plan for now.

The annual furnace inspection was completed on 7/18/23.

It was previously noted that the center does not do field trips, but they do bring different businesses into the center for presentations to the children.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. It appears most staff have I-Power profiles.

The child photo permission form should be updated (signed and dated) annually like other information. Some forms weren't dated.

Best practice is no Boppy pillows in classrooms.

*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.