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

Name of Center: KinderCare Learning Center - Ankeny **Enrollment:** 103 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50489

Street: 3055 N Ankeny BLVD **City:** Ankeny Iowa **Zip** 50021 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 3055 N Ankeny BLVD, Ankeny, IA, 50021

Director's Name: Brianne Watson **Phone Number:** 515-964-0688

On-Site Supervisor(s): Taylor Proctor **E-Mail:** ankeny@kindercare.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-10-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-30-2022

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

Date Inspected: 01-06-2022

Comments :

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 NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

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

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	48	28	40	30	146
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:		
	FULL license from	
X	**PROVISIONAL** license from	12-01-2023 to 12-01-2024
	DENIAL of initial application	
	SUSPENSION of license	
	REVOCATION of license	

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 04-17-2024

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

The center will be completing a Corrective Action Plan.
Corrective Action Plan was completed.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

The center is being placed on a provisional license effective 12/1/23.
The most recent complaint visit was completed 12/5/23. The center has struggled a great deal over the past year. The center has had five complaints with violations found since October 2022. The center has had three directors during this time frame.

KinderCare Learning Center - Ankeny opened in March 2019. . This daycare is one of many daycares owned and operated by KinderCare Corporation, a nationwide company. This child care center is located in a single standing building that has a secured entrance. The center serves children ages infant through school age. Brianne Watson is the director. Taylor Proctor is the assistant director.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the center's entrance. Classroom schedules and lesson plans are posted in individual classrooms. Classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys. Older children's classrooms have well defined interest centers.

Brianne was present today. Taylor was also present. They assisted with today's visit. Brianne said Jenny Schreck from CCR&R has come to the center for monthly consultation visits, starting in January 2024. Brianne showed this worker some trainings that staff have taken over the past few months since January 2024. Staff that work with toddlers have taken these trainings and the majority of other staff have taken the trainings also.
CAP Trainings (KinderCare trainings):
Supervision of Children
Technique for Targeting Concerning Behaviors
Biting Behavior Support Strategies

HHS Approved training from IPOWER:
Effective Child Supervision in a Child Care Facility

Infant A classroom had four infants in attendance. Infant B classroom had four infants present. Both classrooms had one staff working. Toddler 1 and Toddler 2 were combined today. There were six children present. Two staff were working in Toddler 2 classroom with this group. Discovery PS1 had six children present. One staff was working with this classroom. Discovery PS2 had eleven children present. There were two staff working with this group. Preschool had ten children present. One staff was working with this class. PreK had ten children present. One staff was working in this class. TK1 had eighteen children in attendance. Two staff were working in this classroom. The school age class wasn't in session during the visit. Children were observed in their classrooms. Some classes were observed on the playgrounds. Some children were observed having lunch. Children were observed during child directed activities. The TK1 class had various learning activities set at tables, such as math learning activities, letters, puzzles and coloring.

The center provides morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus are on a four week rotation. Lunch served today was pot pie casserole (chicken, peas and carrots) strawberries and blueberries, wheat roll and milk. Menus reviewed showed compliance with CACFP requirements.

The playgrounds have fencing. There is poured rubber for required surfacing material. The center completes monthly playground checklists.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

KinderCare centers receive a lot of support from their corporate office. The center is spacious classrooms that are well supplied with many learning centers.

The center listed their strengths as the following:
Secure entrance
Child supervision records used daily
Daily sheets sent home for all children
Monthly staff meetings
First 100 days training
All staff are 18 years old or older
Muffins for Mom/Doughnuts for Dad events

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

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
One child who started in January 2024 didn't have a physical in their file.

109.10(9): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are:In the center.In the outdoor play area.On field trips.
The PreK staff didn't have a first aid kit with them while out on the playground with their class.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a provisional license.

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