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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Saint Rose 3 Year Old Preschool

Provider No.: 51614

Address: 109 South 11th Street, Denison, IA, 51442

County: Crawford

Director's Name: Daniela Oropeza

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 09/16/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 12/08/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 2

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday			
Tuesday		8:15 AM to 11:45 AM	
Wednesday		8:15 AM to 11:45 AM	
Thursday		8:15 AM to 11:45 AM	
Friday			
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			16		16
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Saint Rose 3 Year Old Preschool on 9/16/26. The center opened in September 2021. They previously operated under the Department of Education. Preschool services are offered to children on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:15 AM to 11:45 AM during the school year. The preschool is located across the parking lot from the St. Rose of Lima School. Daniela Oropeza has been the director since June 2026. She has her associate's degree in Early Childhood Development. Daniela became a Para Educator. She has been working with children since 2017. I met with Daniela Oropeza briefly during my licensing visit and talked with her on the phone at a later date. There are eight children enrolled.

Observation of room:
The programming room looked nice. There were a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. They have a smart board. Equipment is rotated four times a year. Daniela reported they use Ready to Advance Foundational Learning for their curriculum. It has a book that gives the daily lesson plans and activities. Eight children and two staff were present. The center was in ratio. The children had their morning meeting and then they were having fun in a group activity in which they were working on shapes. They then had snack. The children washed their hands before snack. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and attentive to the children's needs. Two parent teacher conferences are held each year in November and February. A home visit is done in April. A monthly newsletter is provided to parents.

Nutrition:
Parents take turns providing the daily snack. A list of nutritious food options is given to the parents. Make sure the CACFP food guidelines are followed even though your center isn't on the federal food program. Thermometers were in the

refrigerator.

Health and Safety:
A new fire inspection was obtained on 12/8/25. Fire and tornado drills were practiced and documented monthly. Radon testing was done in July 2025 and was at 2.8 pCi/L. Radon testing is required every five years if it is below 4.0 pCi/L. The annual fuel burning inspection was completed and it expires 11/30/26. Make sure you follow the medication management procedures if you have any children on medication. Daniela has medication management training. The center has their emergency procedures. The center has a first aid kit and a kit that goes with them when they leave the building.

Playground:
The center has a playground/outdoor play area. Monthly inspections are completed and documented; however, Daniela did not have a current inspection checklist. I emailed her a copy on 9/16/26.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative Records:
Three children's files were reviewed and were in excellent order. I reviewed one staff file and the SING background check was overdue. Daniela also reported she has yet to do her new employee's SING background check due to having issues getting into the SING program. SING background checks are due upon hire and every two years thereafter or if the center or the department becomes aware of a transgression. National background checks are due every four years. Please complete all necessary background checks immediately. Daniela will be meeting with staff on a weekly basis. The center uses Seesaw to communicate with parents.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Saint Rose 3 Year Old Preschool is a wonderful resource for the community. Daniela has many years of experience working in the preschool field. Daniela is enthusiastic and proud of the program. Before the center was licensed, they operated under the Department of Education for many years. Daniela became a Para Educator. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. The room looks nice and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The center is IQ4K Level 1 and submitted their application for Level 2. One goal for the center is to get the fall surfacing for their outdoor equipment. They have obtained the outdoor equipment, but it needs fall surfacing before it can be installed. They are applying for grants for the fall surfacing. Daniela identified their strengths as being a small school with a small classroom size so it allows more one on one attention, staff have a lot of patience, they talk and interact with the parents on a daily basis, and staff have good relationships with the parents.

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 file was reviewed and it did not have a current SING background check. It was reported another staff member does not have a current SING background check due to Daniela having issues with the SING program.

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for 9/1/25 to 9/1/27.

Targeted Assessment Behavior Management
I discussed with Daniela her oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1. Understand

expectations, 2. Managing frustrations, 3. Monitor performance. Daniela said she talks with staff when they are hired that they are able to take a break if needed. The center will remain in ratio with only one staff present. Daniela said she would also tell staff to take a few minutes to calm down if they need a break because they need to take care of themselves first.

I made a referral to Child Care Resource and Referral to work with Daniela on getting staff files organized, creating a licensing binder, setting up her SING account, and doing background checks.

Date: 09/22/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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**.