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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell - Radiant Elementary

Provider No.: 50735

Address: 5050 170th ST, Urbandale, IA, 50323

County: Polk

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes and Rich Miller

On-Site Supervisor: Kaitlyn LePera

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HHS Visit Date: 10/20/2025

Licensing Period: 12/01/2025 to 12/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/09/2024

Comments: State Fire Marshal. For licensing requirements, these inspections are due at least every three years.

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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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	276	276
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing inspection was conducted on 10/20/25. The on-site supervisor was present throughout the 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, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Waukee Beyond the Bell - Radiant Elementary, located in Urbandale, IA, is a school-age program that was given permission to open under HHS (formerly known as DHS) supervision on 8/23/19. The program serves school-age children who attend Radiant Elementary. The program is in operation year-round and they use their own learning curriculum with children. Doing the school year and school days, the program operates 6:30am - 8:35am and again 3:40pm - 6:00pm. During the summer months and no school days, hours are 6:30am - 6:00pm. The program uses the gym, cafeteria, and outdoor playground area.

The program is owned by the Waukee School District. The directors of this program are Andrea Wilmes and Rich Miller. Andrea and Rich are also the directors of all of the other Waukee Beyond the Bell programs as well as the three Wee Care programs, and the Little Learners program at Vince Meyer. Andrea and Rich both have college degrees and many years of experience working in child care. The on-site supervisor of this program as of 8/2022 is Kaitlyn LePera. Kaitlyn has past experience working in child care, including other Beyond the Bell programs.

During the visit, all of the children were in the gym and divided up into smaller groups. Like last year, initially children were observed all doing art projects related to Halloween. Later during the visit, children were engaged in free-choice play with learning stations made available to them. Several children were observed playing with a variety of blocks. Children gave sufficient answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills. Toys and other equipment are being cleaned and sanitized daily and this was also observed during the visit.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This is one of several Waukee Beyond the Bell programs. They all operate in similar fashion, can use staff from the different programs, etc. There is continuity.

The directors have many years of experience working in child care. The on-site supervisor has several years' worth of experience as well. The on-site supervisor also attended Beyond the Bell when she was a school-age child.

The center has their own website.

Staff use a walkie talkie system to communicate between the different areas used.

Informal daily meetings are held between staff. Monthly formal staff meetings are held. The directors meet quarterly with other directors of school-age programs in the western Des Moines suburbs. On-site supervisors of all BTB programs have monthly staff meetings together.

Good child/staff interactions and activities were again observed.

The on-site supervisor believes the program has a good working relationship with other school personnel.

The on-site supervisor also believes she has a good staff who all work well with each other.

Enrollment remains steady.

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

One newer staff member is now past due for completing Universal Precautions. The on-site supervisor believed the staff person was currently working on getting this completed.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

There are several Waukee Beyond the Bell programs. They have the same directors, handbooks, interchangeable staff if need be, etc.

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they only serve school-age children in an actual school building.

It was previously noted that the center contracts with the school district to take a bus on field trips.

For nutrition, the center serves an AM snack and a PM snack (the same as all Waukee School District BTB programs). During the summer months and No School days, children are responsible for bringing in their own lunches. The center will store the lunches as needed.

Staff will need to upload their training certificates into I - Power in addition to keeping hard copies of these trainings in their files.

On the playground, the bolts on one of the fence gates are still two long as no more than two threads should be showing. These will need to be cut much like other bolts along the fence observed.

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A new, full, two-year license is recommended. There are 30 children currently enrolled.

Date: 10/21/2025

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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