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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: McKinley Elementary Stepping Stones

Provider No.: 20818

Address: 1716 Kenwood Ave, Davenport, IA, 52803

County: Scott

Director's Name: Shaney Ford

On-Site Supervisor: Crystal Simmons

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HHS Visit Date: 01/14/2026

Licensing Period: 03/01/2026 to 03/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 01/27/2025

Comments: Room 303 is only approved for second through fifth grade children.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		2:50 PM to 5:30 PM	
Tuesday		2:50 PM to 5:30 PM	
Wednesday		2:50 PM to 5:30 PM	
Thursday		2:50 PM to 5:30 PM	
Friday		2:50 PM to 5:30 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				70	70
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 1/14/26. Staff files were reviewed at a separate visit on 2/19/26. This program is owned and operated by the Davenport Community School District and is located in the McKinley Elementary School building. Shaney Ford is the center director for all of the Stepping Stones child care programs. Shaney was not present at the center on the day of the visit. Kendall Carr was the on site supervisor for the program at the time of the visit, and she was present along with other staff. Assistant to the director, Crystal Simmons, was also present. Subsequent the visit, Crystal Simmons, is the on site supervisor for this program. This center serves school age children from this school only. The program operates on school days only. The center reports enrollment of 24 children at the time of the visit.

The gymnasium and cafeteria are the primary licensed spaces for this center and are always available for the program. The center also has permission to use room 303 (maximum of 33 children) in the building but only for second through fifth grade children per the fire inspector. The center also uses the library. The center has been advised that the rooms will need to meet all licensing requirements before each use. The center uses tables set up in the cafeteria for activities. The center uses separated boys and girls restroom areas located in a hallway adjacent to the cafeteria. Additional hallway restrooms with multiple toilets and sinks are also available.

The center provides snack. Snack is prepared and supplied by the school cafeteria and left out or placed in the milk cooler where accessible for the program.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

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The center provides a needed service to the children and families from this school. This center is well managed. Stepping Stones child care programs have been overseen by the same center director and assistants for a number of years, and many programs also have experienced on site supervisors. Materials are highly organized. The staff work well together and appear to know the children well. Staff provided close supervision of the children. The children respond well to the staff. The center typically provides several various enrichment programs partnering with Putnam Museum, Quad City Botanical Center, ISU (Iowa State University Extension), Nahant Marsh, Common Chord, WQPT, Jr. Theater, QC Animal Welfare, and Girl Scouts. Singular visits are provided to the center from Davenport Public Library, Davenport Police Department, and WQAD The Beast storm vehicle. These programs are provided at no extra charge to the families. Child files and other required licensing documentation were found to be highly organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(1)b: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed physical was not documented on the required form.
2. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have evidence of a physical.

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have current mandatory child abuse reporter certification (expired 10/2025).

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Required documentation for staff files received on 3/24/26. Report can be completed.

1. Ensure all required documentation for staff files are available in the file or on the individual ipower profile (training requirements) for review by the licensing consultant.

The center will continue with a full license. Please address the violation(s) and/or concern(s) noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

Date: 03/30/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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**.