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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Atlantic Head Start Preschool

Provider No.: 6231

Address: 54233 Olive St, Atlantic, IA, 50022

County: Cass

Director's Name: Danni Segebart

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 09/11/2025

Licensing Period: 12/01/2024 to 12/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/14/2023

Comments: Date of compliance 10-23-2023.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [X] 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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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			45		45
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Atlantic Head Start Preschool on 9/11/25. The program is located in a one-story building on the highway outside of Atlantic, Iowa. Twelve children are enrolled. Danielle Jessen is the lead teacher. She has been with the program since November 2015. She became the lead teacher in 2015. Danielle was able to show me around while the children rested.

Observation of rooms:
The center has one classroom. The room looked great and is arranged into fun and inviting activity centers. There are a variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The children's art was displayed on the wall. The gym has a play area with a fun wooden structure, kitchen area, and block area. The children were resting. The staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The center uses Creative Curriculum, Teaching Strategies Gold and Second Step which focuses on social and emotional skills. Weekly lesson plans/activities are documented. Danielle makes lesson plans two weeks in advance. Parent teacher conferences are held with families in which goals and progress are discussed.

Health and safety:
Medication management procedures are followed; the medications are locked up and a medication log is used. Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. The first aid kits are properly stocked. Radon testing was done in January 2025 with a score of 4.0 pCi/L. The building has a mitigation system. The building has all electrical appliances so an annual fuel burning inspection is not required. I was able to observe some of the cots which had sheets that did not fit properly. I notified Danni and she agreed they would make sure to get sheets that fit correctly. The DNR tests the water monthly.

Nutrition:
The center began having their meals catered from Treat America/Company Kitchen in September 2019. Breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack are served. The program participates in the federal food program. The monthly menus are posted. Proper food storage was maintained.

Playground:
The center has a very nice playground with a large piece of playground equipment with a slide, sandbox, and other fun areas. A new concrete area was installed in the summer of 2023 for riding tricycles. Shredded tires are used for surfacing. The center documents monthly playground safety inspections.

Transportation:
The center does not provide daily transportation services. SWITA provides transportation to many of the children.

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Administrative records:
The program has all the required postings and policies and procedures. Two children's files were reviewed and were in good order. All child files have complete medical emergency contact information. Two staff files were reviewed on 9/12/25 and were in good order. Head Start staff receive training on an ongoing basis. They started using the Learning Genie App this year, which is a communication tool to use, as needed.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Staff had excellent interactions with the children. Monthly newsletters are provided to the families. There are two parent teacher conferences a year as well as two home visits a year. Staff receive ongoing training throughout the year.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

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 12/1/24 to 12/1/26.

Date: 09/26/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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