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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: St. Joan of Arc Early Childhood Center

Provider No.: 46494

Address: 6900 Hopewell AVE, Bettendorf, IA, 52722

County: Scott

Director's Name: Beth Giese

On-Site Supervisor: none

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HHS Visit Date: 05/21/2026

Licensing Period: 07/01/2026 to 07/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/26/2026

Comments:

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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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	40	15	77	75	207
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit took place at the center on 5/21/26. Beth Giese is the approved center director with 14 years of experience working at this program (10 as center director), eight years operating an in home child care, child development training, and some college education in business. Beth was present along with other staff. The center uses identified licensed space within the St Joan of Arc Catholic School building. The program operates year round and provides care to children infant through school age. Infants through two year old children may attend year round. Child care for age three years and older is provided on school days only during the school year and in the summer. The program may provide care to children who attend this school or to families who attend the parish. The center director states the center uses the Creative Curriculum. The center reports enrollment of 184 children at the time of the visit.

The center includes the following licensed program areas: Room 117 (Little Lancers room, three through five year old child care), room 116 (not in use yet at the time of the visit, will be six weeks to six months), room 114 (six weeks through six months), room 112 (12 months through 23 months), room 110 (two/three years), room 113 (three/four years, summer school age), room 115 (three/four years, summer school age), and cafeteria (school age)

The center is also able to use the school gymnasium for indoor large motor activities and the school library, however, this space is not always available.

The center does not participate in the CACFP but knows they are responsible for meeting those requirements for all meals and snacks. The center serves morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. Lunch is provided by the school cafeteria year round for the infants through two year old children. Lunch is provided by the school cafeteria for the three years through school age children during the school year. These children will bring lunch from home during the summer. The center

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provides milk for lunch. The school kitchen is licensed by the IDPH and that license is current. The center is aware that lunches from home for non-school age children have to be monitored and supplemented by the center to meet CACFP requirements. Snacks are provided by the center.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center is now located in the new school building that was just completed last summer. The child care wing of the building was designed well and specifically for the child care center. The rooms are clean and spacious, and most/many furnishings are also new. Program rooms are generally well supplied, are organized, and are arranged with materials to support program needs. Books are displayed nicely for the children. Children's crafts and projects are displayed. The center's licensing binder with required licensing documentation is well organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

STAFF FILES:
109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed staff did not have evidence of the six hours or required annual training.

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 staff hired 9/2025 and physical dated 3/2024. Physical may not be more than six months prior to or after hire date.

CHILD FILES:
109.9(2)a-c: All files contain sufficient information to allow the center to contact the parent or emergency contact at any time child is in center’s care as well as who can pick up the child as authorized by the parent.
1. _2_ child files reviewed were not signed/dated for emergency consent/pick up permission.

109.9(2)i: 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, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
1. _1_ child file reviewed did not have evidence of a physical.
2. _1_ child file reviewed had an expired physical.

109.10(1): Medications.
1. Medication authorizations not signed and dated by the parent to give the center permission to administer the medication.
2. Medication authorization medication listed does not match medication that is at the center.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that:Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
1. Miscellaneous choking hazards accessible in drawer in room 112.
2. Choking hazards and plastic bags accessible in drawer in room 110.
3. Mr. Clean sponge is accessible under sink cabinet in room 115.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
1. Current daily schedule and/or activity/lesson plan not posted or available for several rooms.

109.12(4)b: Each infant and toddler shall be diapered in a sanitary manner as frequently as needed at a central diapering area. Diapering, sanitation, and hand-washing procedures shall be posted and implemented in every diapering area. There shall be at least one changing table for every 15 infants.
1. Review diaper changing procedures as they are posted. Staff shall remove gloves before putting on the clean diaper. Staff observed not cleaning and disinfecting the diaper station or to wash hands between diaper changes.

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

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N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Documentation for the fuel burning appliances inspections received on 8/12/26. Report can be completed. Please ensure these inspections are up to date and completely timely annually for review in the licensing binder.

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management
I discussed with (director) their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance.
The center director provided the following responses:
1) I help staff understand the expectations by showing them by modeling expectations or directly explaining what is expected.
2) Often times I step in when I sense tempers or escalation taking place. As a supervisor I ask the staff support each other with difficult situations.
3) By being present and engaging with staff and children.

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

Cafeteria (school age) = 75 children
Room 113 (three through five year old) = 23 children
Room 115 (three through five year old) = 23 children
Little Lancers Room (three through five year old) = 31 children
Room 116 (six weeks through 12 months) = 13 children (CRIBS)
Room 114 (12 through 18 months) = 12 children (CRIBS)
Room 112 (18 through 23 months) = 15 children
Room 110 (two to three year old) = 15 children

1. Ensure items are not set/stored on the diaper stations. Staff shall get out just the materials needed for a diaper change prior to starting the diaper change. Remove pad(s) from diaper station surfaces, use only a hard non porous material that can be properly cleaned and disinfected.
2. Ensure spacing of at least two feet between cots at rest time and ensure cots do not block any exit pathway.
3. Emergency plan postings in rooms 115 and 113 need the center name/address/phone number and phone numbers for police/fire/poison control.
4. Required phone posting is needed at the phones in room 115 and 113.
5. Ensure menu is posted where visible for school age children parents.
6. Ensure all open food items are stored in sealed container or ziploc and dated for freshness. Some unlabeled items observed in refrigerator of room 117.
7. Ensure bleach water for sanitizing is being mixed properly according to the manufacturer's instructions and that all spray bottles are labeled for their contents and the mix ratio recipe.

The center will continue with a full license, however, attention to the violations and concerns noted above is necessary. The center is referred to work with their Child Care Resource and Referral consultant on licensing compliance. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

Date: 07/02/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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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**.