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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell - Waterford Elementary

Provider No.: 52609

Address: 5635 156th St, Urbandale, IA, 50323

County: Polk

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes

On-Site Supervisor: Ryan Kendzora

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HHS Visit Date: 10/05/2026

Licensing Period: 11/01/2026 to 11/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/14/2024

Comments: Waukee Fire Marshal. For licensing requirements, these inspections are due at least every three years. THE CENTER WILL BE DUE FOR ANOTHER INSPECTION IN 8/2027.

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	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 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	0	0	0	285	285
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing inspection was conducted on 10/5/26. The on-site supervisor was present throughout this inspection.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Beyond the Bell Waterford Elementary is a school-age program that was given permission to open on 8/23/24 under HHS supervision. The center serves school-age children who attend this school. During the summer months and no school days, the center's hours of operation are 6:30am - 6:00pm. During the school year, hours are 6:30am - 8:35am and 3:35pm - 6:00pm. One day a week, there is an early out. The center uses their own learning curriculum with children. The center uses the gym, cafeteria, and outdoor playground area. Total child enrollment on the day of the inspection was 101 children.

The center is owned by the school and overseen by a Board. The director of this program and all of the other Beyond the Bell programs, Wee Care programs, and the Little Learners program at Vince Meyer is Andrea Wilmes. Andrea has a BA degree and many years of experience being a director over these programs. Ryan Kendzora is the on-site supervisor at this program. Ryan has a BA degree as well as past experience working in the school system and the Beyond the Bell programs.

NUTRITION: The center serves an AM snack to children and a PM snack. On no school days and during the summer months, children are responsible for bringing in their own lunches. Children eat in the cafeteria. The food menu is posted for the month and met CACFP requirements. All food storage observed was sufficient.

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TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: For all field trips, the center contracts with the school district for a school bus and driver. For all field trips, a first-aid kit and children's emergency contacts are also taken along. Parents sign permission for field trips annually when updating their children's paperwork.

PLAYGROUND: The center utilizes the school playground. There are two climbing structure areas, a large grassy area, and a blacktop area. No issues were observed with any equipment. Monthly staff meetings are being conducted.

During the inspection, children were divided up between the gym and the cafeteria. Children are divided up by ages and then the two large groups will switch later on during programming hours. Toys, tables, and other equipment are being cleaned and sanitized daily. Children questioned gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills.

For more challenging child behaviors, this program and the related programs have a behavioral specialist on staff for additional assistance. Management also encourages staff to come to them for assistance if child behaviors are more than they can handle. Time-outs for children are utilized. Communication between staff, staff and children, and staff and parents are stressed. Documentation is also stressed.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center meets a need in the community. Enrollment has once again increased over the past year.

The center was clean and had good natural lighting.

The director and on-site supervisor are both organized.

All of the BTB programs share a behavioral specialist on staff.

All of the BTB programs and Wee Care programs (and Vince Meyer) are under the same ownership. There is continuity between handbooks, staff, procedures, etc.

Staff reportedly have good relationships with the families they served. Staff also have good working relationships between each other and other school personnel.

Good staff-child interactions were observed throughout the inspection. Staff were engaged with children and their activities.

Staff pictures are posted by the main parent board.

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.
----------One newer staff person is past the 90 days for completing first-aid/CPR. THIS IS SCHEDULED. The same staff person completed Essentials training slightly past the 90 day due date as well.

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

N/A.

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they are located in a school building and only serve school-age children.

All staff appear to have I - Power profiles and training certificates are being uploaded.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

Date: 10/06/2026

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.

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**.