Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: La Salle Catholic School **Enrollment:** 19 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50863

Street: 835 Church Street **City:** Holy Cross Iowa **Zip** 52053 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: PO BOX 368, Holy Cross, IA, 52053

Director's Name: Beverly Ambrosy **Phone Number:** 563-870-2405

On-Site Supervisor(s): none **E-Mail:** blansing@lasalle.pvt.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 09-13-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** X **NA** **Date Signed:**

FIRE INSPECTION X **State** **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 04-28-2022

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			18	20	38
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2024 to 11-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 09-24-2024

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 9/13/24. The center director, Beverly Ambrosy, was present along with other staff. Beverly is also the lead preschool teacher for the program. Brenda Lansing is the school principal and is also highly involved in the operation of the licensed program. Brenda was also participated in the visit. The center is owned and operated by the La Salle Catholic School. The licensed center currently occupies one classroom (room 1AD) and the cafeteria in the school building. Three year old preschool operates all day on Fridays only. The center also provides care to preschool and school age children before and after preschool/school. The center operates on school days during the school year only.

Room 1AD is the three year old preschool room. The room has a maximum capacity of 18 children. Program materials are abundant, are organized and are accessible. The room includes Smartboard technology. Children have to travel outside of the preschool room and cafeteria to nearby hallway restroom areas for all hand washing and toilet activities.

School age, preschool, and prek children use the cafeteria for before and after school child care. This room has a maximum capacity of 20 children.

The children use the school gymnasium for indoor large motor activities when it is not possible to play outside.

The center serves morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack for the three year old program. A later afternoon snack is provided for the child care for after preschool/school. The center does not participate in the CACFP but understands the requirement to meet these guidelines for the licensed program. Meals and snacks are provided by the school cafeteria and brought to the preschool room. Snack would be provided in the cafeteria for the child care there. The school cafeteria kitchen is licensed by IDPH and the copy of the current license is posted.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The preschool room is well supplied. Materials are accessible to the children, are organized, and are well maintained. The room is bright with windows and has been further reorganized to provide more space for and increased visibility of the children. The center has installed new flooring in the preschool room in the last two years. The center plans to install a security system that will provide additional security for the entrance and also cameras. The center is well managed, and the staff continue to work well together as a team. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged in activities with the children. The center participates in the local AEA program where materials can be borrowed to supplement program activities. Required licensing documentation continues to be organized for the licensing binder. Staff and child files are also highly organized.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.10(3): Medications.

1. Prescription medication missing the original pharmacy label as required.
2. Over the counter medication needs the child's name written on the medication.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. 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 they are in compliance.

1. Remove air freshener products from the lower level restroom areas as these should not be accessible to the children.

The center is reminded to monitor closely the radiator units in the restroom and any other areas where these are accessible to the children. If any parts of these units are hot to the touch then they will need to be covered so as not to present a burn hazard.

The center will continue with a full license. The report does not require a written response so long as the corrections are obvious. Thank you.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.