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

Name of Center: Sprouts Early Learning Academy **Enrollment:** 76 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51564

Street: 125 School ST **City:** Carlisle Iowa **Zip** 50047 **County:** Warren

Mailing Address: PO Box 356, Carlisle, IA, 50047

Director's Name: Paige Smothers **Phone Number:** 515-989-7913

On-Site Supervisor(s): Katie Klingensmith **E-Mail:** director@sproutsela.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-06-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-07-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-26-2021

Comments :

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

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

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

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General		36	40		76
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2023 to 05-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 05-07-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Sprouts Early Learning Center was given permission to open on 9/1/21. The center is located in a single standing building. The center has a secured entrance to the daycare section of the building. There is a spacious lobby that parents/guardians use to check in the children and the required postings are located. The daycare serves children ages two through five years. The owner and director is Paige Smothers. Paige taught preschool prior to opening this daycare center. Katie Klingensmith is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory posting are in place. Classrooms had schedules posted. Current lesson plans are posted and available for parents. The center has four program rooms. The classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, learning and play materials. Interest centers are easily accessible to the children in their classrooms.

Paige was at the center and she assisted with today's visit. The Red Room (2's) had seven children present. Two staff were working in this classroom. The Purple Room (2/3's) had ten children present. There were ten children in this classroom. The Rainbow Room (4's) had sixteen children present. Two staff were working with this group. The Green Room (4/5's) had twelve children present. Two staff were working with this group. Children were observed in classrooms and on the playground. Group time and individual, child led activities were observed in the classrooms.

The center has a full kitchen. A cook prepares all meals on site. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack is served to majority of the children. Some preschool children have morning snack. Lunch served today was chicken nuggets, tropical fruit, carrots, wheat bread and milk. The cook has taken the Safe Serve class. Menus were reviewed. There were a few things being served that are not CACFP compliant. These will be removed from the menu.

The center has a fenced in playground. There is a shading structure in place. The playground has turf surfacing. There is also concrete.

The center owns a thirty passenger bus. The center uses the bus for field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Paige has a lot of experience in the child development field. The center did a lot of remodeling of the building prior to

opening. The classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate supplies and toys. Administrative records are well maintained. The center is starting participation in IQ4K.

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

09.15(2) Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks.
A few things being served don't aren't CACFP compliant. The center will discontinue serving these items.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*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.