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

Name of Center: Siouxland Christian Eagles Aftercare **Enrollment:** 83 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50253

Street: 6000 Gordon DR **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 5977 Gordon DR, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Laura Wright **Phone Number:** 712-224-4784

On-Site Supervisor(s): Connie Bates **E-Mail:** preschool@siouxlandchristian.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-29-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-23-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-13-2023

Comments : This worker went to the program on 04/29/25 to measure for additional classrooms. The additional classrooms increase their capacity to 152.

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 Preschool-Age X 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				152	152
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-28-2023 to 01-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer **Date:** 05-02-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 12-11-24 and spoke with Director Laura Wright and onsite supervisor Connie Bates. Laura is also the director of Siouxland Christian Preschool. Connie Bates is the onsite supervisor as Jacob Crabtree is resigned. Connie is a para and sub for Siouxland Christian Preschool Program and has been with the school for several years. The program serves school age children Kindergarten to 6th grade. With the 2024/2025 school year the program operates Monday thru Friday '6:30am to 7:30am and 3:00-5:30pm. Once a month the program has an early out for a teacher in service at 12:30pm on a Wednesday so children are there from 12:30 to 5:30pm on that day. The program is had added another classroom to increase capacity. Capacity changed from 74 to 100 with the school year which began on 08-23-24. Connie Bates is the onsite supervisor, and Laura Wright remains as director.

There are 83 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 41 children present. The center continues in cleaning toys daily that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. The program needs to have childrens coats etc seperated and not thrown in a pile. The center utilizes Christian based Curriculum. Center uses Bright Wheel App for administration duties. The program uses walkie talkies to help communicate between staff as parents arrive to pick up their children. The program also offers an Eagle Club program for kids 7-12th grade. This program is ran similian to after care but not license as it is for older school agers that parents work longer that parent's don't want to be at home alone. This program is only offered during this school year.

The program provides healthy snacks They are not currently on the food program but follows nutritional snacks of the food program. All areas of the program were observed.

The center utilizes the commons area and the adjacent gym. The children have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Children have access to bathrooms and need to be in sight at all times.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
The center provides snacks. The center has a refrigerator with appropriate temperature for food storage. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition but are not on the food program.

Center Health & Safety
Center does not administer any medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/Tornado drills were documented. Radon test and annual heating inspection are exempt as the program does not serve preschool children. If the center were to start serving preschool children then these would be required for licensing. Good health and safety policies/procedures are in place.

Center Playground
A fenced in playground is adjacent to the center. The playground has fairly new playground equipment. Rubber mulch and Turf are used for surfacing around all the playground equipment. A large gym is also available for the children to use during inclement weather. Shade is available on the playground. Center completes monthly playground inspection.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The center does not transport the children. Program doesn't do any field trips during the school year.

Goals of the program are to move the school age program into their own building outside of the school for the 2025/2026 school year. Also to incorporate more organized activiteis.

Strengths of the program is they have a good core staff who have a good relationship with the children/families that they serve as well as a good relationship and support from the school.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Program uses the Bright Wheel Childcare App.

Staff have good relationship with the children they serve and their parents.

Positive interaction with the children.

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

109.10(1)b: School-age (for children five years and older and enrolled in school): Annual statement of health status signed by parent is submitted prior to admission, certifies that the child is free of communicable disease, and lists allergies, medications and acute/chronic conditions.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please provide a written response to the licensing consultant by 01-31-25 of items not meeting licensing standards.

A full license will remain in effect at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.