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

Name of Center: Pleasant Hill KinderCare **Enrollment:** 172 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27466

Street: 1425 Copper Creek DR **City:** Pleasant Hill Iowa **Zip** 50327 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1425 Copper Creek DR, Pleasant Hill, IA, 50327

Director's Name: Jessica Gathercole **Phone Number:** 515-262-3838

On-Site Supervisor(s): Micah Miller **E-Mail:** 301829@klcorp.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-18-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-04-2024

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

Date Inspected: 01-25-2024

Comments : date of compliance - 2/19/24

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 X NAEYC NSACA Other NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X 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	43	24	75	30	172
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 03-05-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Pleasant Hill KinderCare opened in March 2005. The center is located in a single standing building. There is a secured entrance. The daycare is one of the many daycares owned and operated by the nationwide corporation KinderCare Education. The center provides child care services for children ages infancy through school age. The center has several classrooms in addition to a small indoor gym. This center provides childcare services to children ranging from infancy to school age. Jessica Gathercole is the director. She started as director in July 2021. Jessica was a registered in home provider for eighteen years prior to coming to KinderCare. Micah Miller is the on site supervisor. She has been employed with KinderCare since 2018.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules, lesson plans and menus are posted by room doorways. Classrooms are supplied with age appropriate furnishings and toys. Interest centers are in children's classrooms ages two and up.

Jessica and Ashley assisted with today's visit. There are two infant classrooms, two toddler classrooms, two 2's classrooms, one 2/3's classroom, one 3's classroom, one PreK (4's) classroom and one TK (5's) classroom, which has programming in the gym. School age children weren't present during today's visit. All classrooms were at or above ratio requirements. Children were doing a variety of small group and individual activities in their classrooms. Children were playing in learning centers and doing art and learning activities at tables. Staff were reading books with children and supporting children with their activities.

The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus are on a four week rotation. Menus reviewed showed compliance with CACFP requirements. Lunch served today was bean and cheese burritos, corn, peaches and milk.

The playgrounds have fencing. There is poured rubber for required surfacing material. The center completes monthly playground checklists.

The center has two buses used for off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center has NAEYC accreditation. The center participates in the IQ4K program and has a four star rating. KinderCare Corporation provides a lot of support to their centers by providing menus, lesson plans and curriculums for all classrooms. The classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate learning and play materials.

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

109.9(1)d: 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.
One staff file missing current physical.

109.10(1)a: 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, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
REPEAT VIOLATION There were many children files missing current physicals. Some files had physicals that were in need of physicals for over one year.
Jessica said this violation would be addressed immediately. Messages were sent to families, with a deadline given to families to get the center current physicals or care would be suspended.

109.10(8): Children's hand washing: Center shall ensure staff assist children in personal hygiene. For each infant or child with a disability, a separate cloth for washing and one for rinsing may be used in place of running water. Children's hands shall be washed:Immediately before eating or participating in food service activity.After using the restroom or being diapered.
Infants' hands weren't washed after diapering.

109.12(4): Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.
Cots were too close in two classrooms. Cots are supposed to be a minimum of three feet apart.

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 me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.org) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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