

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

Name of Center: Vermeer Yellow Iron Academy **Enrollment:** 144 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 43969

Street: 780 250th Ave **City:** Pella **Iowa Zip** 50219 **County:** Marion

Mailing Address: 1210 E Vermeer Rd, Pella, IA, 50219

Director's Name: Krista Sanchez **Phone Number:** 641-621-8942

On-Site Supervisor(s): Sarah Olson **E-Mail:** vermeer@brighthorizons.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-06-2023

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:** 06-03-2022

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

Date Inspected: 04-22-2022

Comments : 5-6-22 - date of compliance

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

Financial Type: X **Profit** **Non-Profit** **NA**

Accreditation: **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	32	24	56	50	162
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 08-01-2022 to 08-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

Date: 06-13-2023

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

and

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Vermeer Yellow Iron Academy opened in August 2014. This center is owned by Bright Horizons Children's Centers. It's located in a single standing building. There is a secured entrance. The centers provides child care services to children ages infancy through school age. Krista Sanchez is the director. Krista started as director at this center in April 2022. She worked at a Bright Horizons daycare center in Des Moines prior to coming to this center. Sarah Olson has been the on site supervisor since August 2015.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. Krista was present and she assisted with the visit. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. Classrooms schedules and lesson plans are posted by classrooms entrances. The lesson plan for the Preschool and PreK classes is "Bugs and Insects". The lesson plan for School Age is "Blast Off To Space." There were a lot of craft and learning activities with these themes observed in the classrooms. All classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate supplies, toys and learning supplies. Classrooms that serve children ages toddler and up have well defined interest centers.

During today's visit, the center had one infant classroom open and two toddler classrooms. Each of these classrooms had eight children present. Two staff were working in each of the rooms. Children were observed in their rooms. Some children were observed on a walk. The center has two Young Preschool (2's) classrooms. Each class had twelve children in attendance. Two staff were working with each group. The children were observed on the playground. The Preschool classroom (3's) had sixteen children present. There were three staff working with the Preschool class. The Preschool class was observed on the playground also. Today was water play day. Children were playing with a variety of materials and toys in sensory tubs filled with water and in a sprinkler. The PreK class (3/4's) had thirteen children in attendance with two staff. This class was observed in their classroom. The Kindergarten Prep class (4/5's) had twelve children present. There were two staff working in this class. This group was observed in their classroom. There were two school age classes in session. One group had had nine children with one staff member. This group was observed in the school age classroom. The younger school age class was observed outdoors. They had eleven children present. There was one staff working with this class. They meet in the school age classroom. The older class had eleven children in attendance. There was one staff working with this group. This group was observed in a Movement Matters room. In the classrooms, children were observed doing some group time as well as child directed learning and play. Staffs' interactions with the children were observed to be positive.

The center has a full kitchen and two part time cooks. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus are on a five week rotation. Menus reflect CACFP requirements are followed.

The center has five playground areas. All the playgrounds have turf for surfacing as well as concrete paths for riding toys. Fencing surrounds the playgrounds. There are designated playgrounds for the following age groups: infants, toddlers, 2's, Preschool and PreK and KPrep and School Age. The playgrounds have age appropriate outdoor playground equipment and toys.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center has spacious, well furnished classrooms. The center has NAEYC accreditation. Children are afforded large motor play on a daily basis as the center has large motor play rooms that are used on inclement weather days. Bright Horizons provides a great deal of support to their centers.

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

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.

One staff needs the skills portion of CPR training.

This staff is signed up for the training.

109.10(10): Recording incidents: Parents shall be notified on the day of the incident involving a child that includes: Minor injuries. Minor changes in health status. Minor behavioral concerns. Incidents resulting in injury to a child. Shall be verbally notified immediately when there is: A serious injury to a child. An incident resulting in significant change in health status. An incident includes child being involved in inappropriate, sexually acting out behavior. A WRITTEN report, fully documenting every incident, shall be provided to the parent or authorized person. This should be completed by staff that witnessed the incident and retained in child file. Serious injuries and deaths must be reported to the Department within 24 hours.

The center changed to online enrollment and online communication. This change included notifying parents of incident reports in June 2022. In reviewing, there were many incident reports that parents did not acknowledge receipt of the incident reports, receiving the incident report the day of the incident nor did parents sign the incident report.

Krista said they will return to giving parents a copy of the incident reports to ensure parents are aware of an incident the day it occurred and acknowledging they have received it.

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 mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) 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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