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

Name of Center: Christ The King Daycare **Enrollment:** 46 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27900

Street: 5711 SW 9th ST **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50315 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 820 Porter AVE, Des Moines, IA, 50315

Director's Name: Melanie Handy **Phone Number:** 515-953-4327

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** daycaredirector@cksdesmoines.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-30-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-12-2025

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

Date Inspected: 10-24-2024

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.) 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*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Saturday			

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General		20	34	60	114
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2025 to 07-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 07-02-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Christ the King Day Care has been in operation since June 2007. The center is located in Christ the King School. This center is owned and operated by this school. The school has secured entrances. The daycare has it's own secured entrance that parents use. Child care services are provided for children ages two years through school age. The center's director is Melanie Handy. She started working at the daycare in August 2024. Melanie had eighteen years of experience working with children prior to coming to this center.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas of HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the daycare's entrance. Daily schedules are in place in classrooms. A current lesson plan for each age group was posted and/or available for review. Each classroom had developmentally appropriate toys, learning supplies and furnishings.

Melanie assisted with today's visit. There were nine children present in the 2's/3's classroom. Two staff were working in this classroom. In the 3's/4's classroom, there were nine children in attendance. Two staff were working with this class. The school age program has children divided into two groups during the majority of programming: the Kindergarten/1st grade group had ten children present. Two staff were working with this group. The 2nd grade - 5th grade group had twelve children present. One staff was working with this group. Children were observed in their classrooms and on playgrounds during the visit. Some children were observed resting and during transition times. Children were observed during child directed play activities. Staff were observed assisting the children with their activities and during their play.

The school's kitchen provides breakfast and lunch during the school year. Menus were reviewed and showed compliance with CACFP requirements. During summer programming, the younger children receive breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The school age children have not been receiving breakfast or a morning snack. The operation hours are the same for this program. Melanie said this will be corrected immediately.

The center's playground has fencing. The center for the younger children is located right outside the daycare entrance. The school age program has their own program, which is located across the street. Playground checks are completed.

The center uses the Carlisle school bus system for off site field trips for the school age children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The church is very supportive of the center. Children have access to the gym and playgrounds for large motor play activities daily.

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

109.9(2)j: 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.
The school age children's files didn't have current statement of health forms. This worker sent Melanie an example of this form so the files could be updated.

109.13(1 and 2): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals.Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.Menus shall be made available to parents and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking.
School age children weren't being provided breakfast or a morning snack.

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 please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) 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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