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

**Name of Center:** Metro Kids - Perkins **Enrollment:** 99 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36574

**Street:** 4301 College Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50311 **County:** Polk

**Mailing Address:** 2100 Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA, 50321

**Director's Name:** Kelsi Stanley **Phone Number:** 515-242-7951

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Shelby Kephart **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

**Date(s) of Visit:** 07-28-2025

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received** X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-06-2023

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

**Date Inspected:** 10-11-2023

**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.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

**SCHEDULE:** Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

| **HOURS:** | *Year-round* | *School-Year* | *Summer Only* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | | | 130 | 130 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 01-01-2026 to 01-01-2028 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 08-01-2025

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Metro Kids - Perkins has been in operation since 1987. The center provides before and after school sessions throughout the school year. The center uses the school's cafeteria, gym and library for program rooms. Parents use a door that is located close to the cafeteria for entrance. Kelsi Stanley is the director of this center. Shelby Kephart is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are posted at the entrance of the cafeteria. The schedule/lesson plan was posted. The center keeps their supplies in cabinets in the cafeteria. The center sets out table activities and interest areas in the cafeteria.

Shelby was present today and she assisted with the visit. Today was all day programming. Four rooms are being used for summer programming. There were thirteen staff working today. Sixty six children were present. Children were observed in some of the programming rooms. Children were observed during snack in the cafeteria. Some children were observed in other program areas. Children were doing art activities.

The center provides snacks after school during the school year. The center gets snacks from the school. This school is a free meal site so children can eat breakfast and lunch through this program. The center serves snacks.

The center uses the school's playground. School staff maintain the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

Metro Kids uses school buses for field trips.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

The center has a lot of program space. Children are afforded large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the school's playground and gym.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

This 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.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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