Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell-Woodland Hills Elementary

Provider No.: 44018

Address: 1120 S 95th ST, West Des Moines, IA, 50266

County: Polk

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes and Rich Miller

On-Site Supervisor: Kamari Palimore

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HHS Visit Date: 11/10/2025

Licensing Period: 01/01/2025 to 01/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/23/2024

Comments: West Des Moines Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years. West Des Moines typically does annual inspections.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	Year-round	School-Year	Summer Only
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	0	245	245
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 11/10/25. The on-site supervisor was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Beyond the Bell - Woodland Elementary is a school-age program located within the Woodland Elementary School in West Des Moines, IA. The program was previously supervised by the Department of Education and was given permission to open under HHS (formerly known as DHS) licensing/supervision on 9/2/14. During the school year, children who attend this school attend this Beyond the Bell program. However, during summer months, there is open enrollment. Hours are 6:30am - 6:00pm during the summer months and no-school days. During the school year, children attend 6:30am - 8:40am and/or 3:40pm - 6:00pm. The program is one of several Beyond the Bell programs and they all use a similar learning curriculum based off of other learning curriculums. This center uses the cafeteria, gym, and outdoor playground area.

All Beyond the Bell programs are overseen by a Board. The directors of this program and the other Beyond the Bell programs are Andrea Wilmes and Rich Miller. Andrea is also the director at the three Wee Care centers in Waukee and the Vince Meyer center. Both individuals meet the requirements for director. Kamari Palimore is the on-site supervisor at this location as of 2/2024. Kamari has a BA degree as well as past experience working in child care school-age programs.

During the visit, all of the children were outside on the playground. Staff were spaced out among the different groups of children. As parents arrived to pick up their children, the front desk staff would use the walkie talkie to communicate with

staff on the playground to send their children inside. Toys and other equipment are being cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected daily. All inspection forms were complete.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Staff use walkie-talkies to communicate with each other throughout the center.

A good system is in place for gathering attendance when school dismisses for children who go to this program.

All of the Beyond the Bell programs have information posted online through the Waukee School District Website.

Staff photos are posted by one of the main parent boards.

Monthly staff meetings are held. In addition, the directors of this program meet with other western-suburb, school-age programs quarterly for meetings and there are monthly on-site supervisor meetings for all of the BTB programs. Communication is stressed per the on-site supervisor.

Staff from BTB are interchangeable between sites as needed.

There is a good relationship between center staff and other school personnel per the on-site supervisor.

The on-site supervisor believes staff work well together, are flexible with their hours, and have good relationships with the families they serve.

There is a front desk person by the main entrance greeting parents and checking children into and out of the center during the day.

The on-site supervisor is organized.

All BTB programs now have shared behavioral specialists and curriculum specialists that work between the programs.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating.Sufficient cooling. Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they are located in a school and only serve school-age children.

For transportation for field trips, the center contracts with the school district and they take a school bus.

For nutrition, the school provides AM snack/breakfast to children. The center provides the PM snack. During No School days and summer months, the program provides AM snack and the PM snack and families/children are responsible for providing their own lunches. The center will store lunches as needed.

I - Power was again discussed at the visit. Several staff still need to upload training into their profile. If any staff are no

longer with the program, they should be unlinked to the program in I - Power.

Date: 11/10/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.