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

Name of Center: The Goddard School of Waukee **Enrollment:** 136 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47986

Street: 80 NE Carefree LN **City:** Waukee Iowa **Zip** 50263 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 80 NE Carefree LN, Waukee, IA, 50263

Director's Name: Holly Showalter and Liz Smith **Phone Number:** 515-297-6555

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** dwaukeeia2@goddardschools.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-01-2023

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:** 02-27-2023

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

Date Inspected: 02-21-2023

Comments : Waukee Fire Marshal.

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 NAEYC NSACA X Other NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age 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	24	12	92		128
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2023 to 04-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 03-02-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 3/1/23. The owner/director and other director were both present for this 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. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

The Goddard School of Waukee is a center in Waukee, IA that was given permission to open on 11/8/16. The center opened for business on 11/14/16. The center serves children six weeks in age to roughly six years in age using the Creative Learning Curriculum. In August of 2023, the center will be switching to the Wonders of Learning Curriculum which is Goddard based. The center is open year-round. There are a total of nine classrooms.

The owner and head director of the center is Liz Smith. Liz has a BA degree in Education. The director of the center as of 1/2021 is Holly Showalter. Holly has a BA degree in Education and has past experience working in child care.

During the visit, the majority of children were napping on cots. For children that did not nap, they were observed doing a quiet activity (reading books). Infant children were observed napping in cribs, being held, and being played with and talked to by staff.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Enrollment remains steady and has slightly increased over the past year.

The center is very well lit and was clean.

There is a secure entrance into the building. There is also a security outside camera system in place.

The center uses an electronic system for checking staff/children into and out of the center. Daily sheets and other forms are also electronic (Tadpoles).

Lead teachers all have degrees (preschool and up).

Monthly staff meetings are held.

Parent-teacher conferences are held two times a year. The center also has a website and Facebook page to communicate

with parents.

A certified playground inspection company does a full inspection on the center playground areas yearly.

Staff receive recognition for good work ("shout outs" and "teacher of the month"). Staff are eligible for benefits and wages are competitive. Staff receive more training than required and management provides staff with modeling and coaching to achieve best practice. There is a good core staff retention.

In 2/2021, the center became NAEYC accredited. The center is also starting the IQ4K process which is based on best practice care.

The center is involved in a Spanish teaching program, yoga, chess, S.T.E.M., violin lessons, tennis, choir, and other programs for children to participate.

The director is organized.

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 0
Number not in compliance for dental: 4
Information lacking: All children enrolled at the center, regardless of age, need to have the name, address, and phone number documented for a doctor and a dentist.

109.12(1): Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
Full day schedules should be posted in classrooms.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.
1. There is most likely not enough raisins in the trail mix to fully count as a second credible food item for snacks. Alternatives to add to snack on these days were discussed.
2. One child will need a Food Allergy Action plan because this child does not drink one percent or skim cows milk.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing is due every two years and was last tested 3/18/21 - 3/22/21 so it is again due in March 2023. All classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff in 3/2021.

The annual furnace inspection was completed on 12/21/22.

It was previously noted that the center does not do field trips, but they do bring different businesses into the center for presentations to the children.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit.

Three feet spacing is now required between napping children.

The child photo permission form should be updated annually like other information.

It is recommended that parents try to list at least one emergency contact for their children.

For the child observed that has some sensory issues when it comes to sheets on cots, it is recommended a doctor note be provided to the center stating so as there is a regulation that sheets or another barrier be between children napping on cots.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.