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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Howe **Enrollment:** 27 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36564

Street: 2900 Indianola Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50315 **County:** Polk

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

Director's Name: Linda Phillips **Phone Number:** 515-242-7951

On-Site Supervisor(s): Amelia Jeanie Gomez **E-Mail:** linda.phillips@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-09-2024

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:** 11-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-17-2024

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.) 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*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				150	150
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2024 to 01-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 12-19-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - Howe has been in operation for many years, initially licensed under the Department of Education. The school has secured entrances. The center primarily uses the gym for programming space. They also have access to a few other classrooms. The school's playground is used for outdoor play. Linda Phillips is the director. Jeanie Gomez is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed. All areas subject to DHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place. The center's schedule and lesson plan were posted. The center keeps their supplies in a storage room in the gym. The center places games, toys, activities and interest areas out for children in the gym and/or the music room. Children's coats and back backs are generally placed in the gym.

Jeanie Gomez assisted with today's visit. There were two staff working today. There were eleven children present during the visit. Children were observed in the music room. Children were playing within the interest areas set out in the music room. There were age appropriate games, blocks, magnetic tiles, various crafts/art areas, dolls and games for children to play with.

The center serves snack after school. Menus reviewed showed compliance with CACFP standards.

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

Metro Kids programs use Des Moines Schools buses for field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a nice amount of supplies and toys available for the number of children being served. Children can play large motor play activities majority of programming days by using the gym and school's playground.

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:

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 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.

*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.

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An administrative change is being made to move the licenses for all Metro Kids locations to 1-1-2020 to 1-1-2022

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