Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell - Waterford Elementary

Provider No.: 52609

Address: 5635 156th St, Urbandale, IA, 50323

County: Polk

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes

On-Site Supervisor: Ryan Kendzora

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HHS Visit Date: 10/06/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2024 to 11/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/14/2024

Comments: Waukee Fire Marshal. For licensing requirements, these inspections are due at least every three years.

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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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	285	285
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 10/6/25. The on-site supervisor was present throughout 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 (not observed up close due to weather, but monthly playground inspections were reviewed), field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Beyond the Bell Waterford Elementary is a school-age program that was given permission to open on 8/23/24. The center serves school-age children who attend this school. During the summer months and no school days, the center's hours of operation are 6:30am - 6:00pm. During the school year, hours are 6:30am - 8:35am and 3:35pm - 6:00pm. One day a week, there is an early out. The center uses their own learning curriculum with children. The center uses the gym, cafeteria, and outdoor playground area.

The center is owned by the school and overseen by a Board. The director of this program and all of the other Beyond the Bell programs, Wee Care programs, and the Little Learners program at Vince Meyer is Andrea Wilmes. Andrea has a BA degree and many years of experience being a director over these programs. Ryan Kendzora is the on-site supervisor at this program. Ryan has a BA degree as well as past experience working in the school system and the Beyond the Bell programs.

During the visit, all of the children were in the cafeteria finishing up their snack and engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations. Attendance is gathered in the cafeteria and then children wash their hands and sit down for snack. After snack, children were divided up into different groups between the gym and the cafeteria. Typically at this time, children would go outside to play, but due to weather, the gym was used instead on the day of the inspection. Toys and other equipment are being sanitized daily. Children gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center meets a need in the community. Enrollment has increased over the past year.

The center was clean and had good natural lighting.

The director and on-site supervisor are both organized.

All of the BTB programs share a curriculum coordinator as well as a behavioral specialist.

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All of the BTB programs and Wee Care programs (and Vince Meyer) are under the same ownership. There is continuity between handbooks, staff, procedures, etc.

Staff reportedly have good relationships with the families they served. Staff also have good working relationships between each other and other school personnel.

Staff pictures are posted by the main parent board.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2)d: 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.
One child was missing dental contact information.

109.10(9): Smoking and use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in the center and every vehicle used to transport children. Prohibited in outdoor play area during hours of operation.
A No Smoking posting is needed by the main entrance.

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

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

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

All staff should create I-Power profiles and continue to upload training certificates as well as keep hard copies of their training certificates in their files.

Date: 10/07/2025

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**.