Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: GMG Elementary School

Provider No.: 45881

Address: 1710 Wallace Ave, Green Mountain, IA, 50632

County: Tama

Director's Name: Stacey Busch

On-Site Supervisor: NA

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HHS Visit Date: 09/24/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2025 to 10/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 03/15/2023

Comments: Fire inspections are due at least every three years.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			20	30	50
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced annual visit was completed 9-24-25 and the director was present for most of the visit as she was covering recess duty during this visit.

GMG (Green Mountain Garwin) Elementary school is located in Green Mountain. They offer a before and after school care program, a Universal Pre-K program, and an Extended Learning Program for preschool age children. These are school year only programs. Stacey Busch is the director of this program, starting in this role in August of 2022. Stacey is also the Principal of the school. Stacey has a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education and has been a teacher at the school for the past 15 years.

Morning hours are 7:00-8:00 AM and after school hours are 3:50-5:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

The before and after school age program meet in the cafeteria of the GMG ELEM. The cafeteria has a capacity for 30 children with a square footage of 1082. The program will add the additional 10 to the capped 20 for school age children on the report, brining the total capacity to 50. The Extended learning program is held in a separate building that is just steps away from the main elementary building. There are two rooms in this building, one classroom is for the Universal Pre-K program and the other classroom is used for the Extended Learning Program.

The Extended Learning program is offered opposite times of the preschool program. It is available for families who need childcare for the time frame when their child is not in preschool. Care is offered from 8:45am to 11:30 am and 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. The Gold Assessment/Haggerty Curriculum is used for the preschool children. There is no preschool on Fridays, however extended learning is offered on Fridays, for all day care.

The rooms were observed to have available a good variety of age/developmentally appropriate activities/toys. There are restrooms avail that were clean, had posted handwashing signs and supplies. The rooms were arranged nicely and staff were attentive to the children. There are first aid kits available. The playground is enclosed and immediately adjacent to the school building.

The program offers snacks and lunch, available through the school nutrition program.

The children were engaged in outdoor play during this visit and were content with teachers attentive and responsive to the children.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

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The Universal Pre-K program continues to work very closely with the preschool Extended Learning Program. This partnership allows children to attend preschool for a half day, and also attend childcare for the opposite time frame. There is also a before and after school program available for the school age children to attend.

The staff are very professional and are dedicated to the teaching and care of these children.

The staff who provide care in the before and after school program are staff already employed with the school during the school day, which provides for consistency and a seamless transition for the children.

The new director is invested in the program. She has been with the school for 15 years and knows the children, staff and families well.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

Staff files were not easily accessible and did not contact all the required information for licensing purposes, which is not the usual for this program.

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

The director should reach out to child care resource and referral consultant (CCR&R) with a request for a visit to help re-establish and maintain child care staff licensing files with required information. The CCR&R consultant for this center is Janey Schmitt, who can be reached by email jschmitt@caeiowa.org.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing is required every two years. Radon testing was conducted in August of 2022 , testing indicating levels below 4.0.

The furnace has been inspected by the school district and is done yearly.

Date: 01/12/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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**.