Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Horizon Science Academy

Provider No.: 52357

Address: 4801 Franklin AVE, Des Moines, IA, 50310

County: Polk

Director's Name: Kenna Rasmussen

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 03/10/2026

Licensing Period: 02/01/2026 to 02/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/06/2023

Comments: Fire 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:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Tuesday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Wednesday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Thursday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Friday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Saturday			

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			63	38	101
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was completed on 3/10/25. Kenna Rasmussen, director was present for the visit.

Horizon Science Academy Before and After school was given permission to open 11-1-23. This center operates from the same building that the Horizon Science Academy School. The BASP operates from one room and has access to the playground. The director is Kenna Rasmussen. The principal of the Academy School is Laura Cannon.

Care is offered from 7AM-7:50 AM, and 3:10PM to 5:30 PM. This program is not yet open for summer care and operates during the school year.

The program offers breakfast, snacks and lunch in-line with CACFP as served from the cafeteria from the school.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This program offers convenience and continuity with Horizon Science Academy and shares some staff.

This program interacts as a team with positive interactions.

The center has video monitoring of hallways and the exterior of the building.

This is a secure building with video monitoring in the halls and exterior.

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The program is working to attain IQ4K Level I Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) is Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) licensed Child Care Centers and preschools, registered Child Development Homes and programs operating under the authority of an accredited school district or nonpublic school. IQ4K® provides five levels of quality (building blocks) that programs can achieve and continue to improve upon

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.

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

109.6(4)c--center repeats Iowa (SING) record checks. The director will update the expired Iowa Background check (SING) and place record in staff's file.

109.7(2) there were several staff files (paper file and electronic file or IPOWER missing certification of completion of annual trainings. The director will ensure trainings are completed and certifications of completion in the paper or electronic file.

109.9(1)c Fill will contain documentation to indicate that current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training. One staff file was absent a paper and electronic documentation of repeat mandatory child abuse training.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended.

I discussed with The director their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance. The director shared teachers have completed PBIS, along with staff meetings to address on-going or arising concerns.

Date: 03/13/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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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**.