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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Underwood Eagle Care

Provider No.: 59

Address: 601 3rd Street, Underwood, IA, 51576

County: Pottawattamie

Director's Name: Amanda Williams

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 7125662326

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HHS Visit Date: 09/25/2025

Licensing Period: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 11/03/2023

Comments: The fire marshal inspection noted items that needed corrected.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] 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 licensing visit was made to Underwood Eagle Care 9/25/25. The program is located in the Underwood Elementary School building. The program provides child care services to preschool age children to school age children from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday during the school year only. Preschool isn't held on Mondays; therefore, full day child care is provided to preschool age children on Mondays. Amanda Williams continues to be the director. She became the director in January 2022. She is the preschool teacher during the school day. Robin Lobendo is the on-site supervisor. I met with Amanda during my licensing visit. There are 50 children enrolled in the program.

Observation of room:
Child care services are offered to preschool age children during the day. Before and after school child care services are offered to school age/preschool age children each day. Services are only provided during the school year. The program provides fun hands-on educational activities. There were 10 preschool age children and one staff present when I was there. The school age children were in school. I was present during rest time. The room was too dark. During rest time, adequate lighting must be maintained for staff to effectively supervise children. The room must have enough light to see the children's faces and chest rise so you can see the children are breathing. The staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The program had detailed lesson plans/activities. The lesson plans include gross motor, dramatic play/center time, music and movement, story time, transition, academic - math/science/art, and fine motor/sensory. Project Approach Curriculum is used in the preschool and Amanda mimics off that for her lesson plans/daily activities. The program also utilizes the preschool room located next door during the after-school program hours and the gym/cafeteria. The room looked nice and there were a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Toys and equipment are rotated on a regular basis.

Nutrition:
The school provides breakfast, lunch and snack. The center isn't on the federal food program. Even if your center isn't on the federal food program you must comply with the CACFP food guidelines. Menus were posted.

Health and safety:
Emergency diagrams were posted; however, emergency phone numbers were not. Please post emergency phone numbers in a place that is easily accessible by everyone. Radon testing was completed in September 2024 and the test score was 1.1 pCi/L for the main room and 1.5 pCi/L for the preschool room. Since you are in a school the Department of Education is responsible for making sure radon testing is completed. Child care licensing will no longer need to review your radon information. A carbon monoxide detector is in the room. Monthly fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented. The annual fuel burning inspection (boiler inspection) expired in July 2025. Please complete an annual fuel burning inspection. Medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication. The school has a nurse that is utilized for the program. Purell Surface is used for sanitizing and they are using the three-bottle procedure for sanitizing 1.

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Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved sanitizing product. Handwashing diagrams need posted by the sinks. Please post handwashing procedures by all sinks.

Playground:
The school playground is used. Monthly playground inspections were documented. The janitor completes playground inspections the last Monday of the month. Wood mulch is used for fall surfacing. There are several climbing structures and a merry-go-round. Some of the equipment is not available to preschool age children. The preschool area has swings, a playhouse, and riding toys.

Administrative records:
Two staff files were read and were in good order. One was missing the annual training. Six children's files were read, three school age files and three preschool files. The preschool files all looked great. The school age files were missing numerous things including current names and numbers for doctor/dentist, permission for the center to secure emergency care, and annual permission forms as to who is allowed to pick up the child. None of the files had permission for field trips because the center never leaves the school. Please review all files and update them so they have the required forms. Amanda has monthly staff meetings on Zoom; she also has daily contact with staff. The center is IQ4K level1.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Underwood Eagle Care is a wonderful resource for the school and the community. Amanda has worked very hard to learn the DHHS licensing rules. She is confident and has excellent skills as the director. She is very enthusiastic and proud of the center. The center looked nice and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. Staff are very positive and helpful.

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. Not all of the children's files had permission for the center to secure emergency treatment in the event of an emergency, nor did they have the names and numbers of doctor/dentist and the annual permission as to who is allowed to pick up the child.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. Sufficient cooling. Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children. The room was too dark during rest time. Staff must be able to see children when they are napping so they know they are breathing.

109.11(8)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034. The annual fuel burning inspection expired in July 2025. Please complete the annual fuel burning inspection.

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for 9/1/25 to 9/1/27.

Please complete the annual fuel burning inspection and email me a copy by 10/20/25.

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Date: 10/06/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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**.