Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: La Petite Academy

Provider No.: 24278

Address: 1504 Mall DR, Iowa City, IA, 52240

County: Johnson

Director's Name: Julie Reid

On-Site Supervisor: N/A

Phone Number: 3193384513

E-Mail: 7263@lapetite.com

HHS Visit Date: 12/30/2025

Licensing Period: 07/01/2024 to 07/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/16/2024

Comments: Does Comply.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [X] Accrediation — Comments: The center has National Early Childhood Program Accreditation until 12/2027. https://necpa.net/

Program Duration:

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

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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	24	21	42	15	102
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This worker arrived at La Petite Academy - 24278 for their annual visit. The center is located in a commercial building. They have six classrooms, a kitchen, office and storage spaces. The center is open year around Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 6:00pm. The center provides care for infants-school aged children.

The director is Julie Reid. Julie has a Child Care Development Specialists Certificate and 46 hours towards a bachelor's degree in early childhood education at Hawkeye Community College. Julie has worked in childcare field since 2010.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center staff provided careful supervision during the visit. The center was in ratio during the visit.

The center ensures that medication is stored and documented appropriately, handwashing procedures are followed, diaper changing procedures were followed and infant safe sleep procedures were followed.

The center serves morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The center ensures that each child is served a full, nutritionally balanced meal/snack as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff provided careful supervision at the table during snacks and meals. Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage were followed. Menus were posted.

The center uses the following curriculum: Learn as We Grow. https://www.lapetite.com/. The center provides transportation to and from school.

All required postings were displayed on the date visit. Child files were in full compliance. Staff files were in full compliance. The licensing notebook was in full compliance including floor plans, drills, first aid checklist, playground inspections, fuel burning inspection, radon testing, staff handbook/parent handbook and emergency preparedness.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-The center has National Early Childhood Program Accreditation until 12/2027. https://necpa.net/
-The center consistently works with Child Care Resource and Referral and their local Child Care Nurse Consultant.
-The center is a secured location with cameras.
-Staff do an excellent job of being actively engaged with the children.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

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The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center is encouraged to review the new medicine forms/action plans. These are available at: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period. As a director, on-site supervisor, or child care staff it is vital that you know and understand all licensing standards and procedures. The licensing regulation checklist can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/71%20Licensing_Chklist_3940.pdf

This worker will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year. This worker encourages you to establish a working relationship with your local Child Care Resource Consultant (CCR&R) and your local Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) provides professional development and consultation services that support the child care business's ability to achieve and maintain regulatory status in good standing and work to achieve and maintain performance at higher quality levels in Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement. To find your center's CCR&R consultant visit: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/

Healthy Child Care Iowa is a statewide publicly funded program to improve the health and safety of children while they are enrolled in child care and early education settings. Child care nurse consultants are registered nurses who provide consultation, training, and technical assistance on health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. To find your center's CCNC consultant visit: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

Date: 01/14/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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**.