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## CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Dr Smith School Age Summer Program

Provider No.: 48412

Address: 918 W Main St, McGregor, IA, 52157

County: Clayton

Director's Name: Jennifer McCullick

On-Site Supervisor: Andrea Landt

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HHS Visit Date: 06/08/2026

Licensing Period: 07/01/2025 to 07/01/2027

**Fire Inspection:**

Date Inspected: 01/16/2025

Comments:

**Report Visit Type:**

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

**License Type:**

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

**Quality initiative:**

- [ ] Accrediation

**Program Duration:**

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

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| HOURS: | *Year-round* | *School-Year* | *Summer Only* |
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| Sunday | | | |
| Monday | | | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM |
| Tuesday | | | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM |
| Wednesday | | | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM |
| Thursday | | | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM |
| Friday | | | 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM |
| Saturday | | | |

**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 |
| Summer | | | | 29 | 29 |

**1. Basic Overview**

On 06/08/26 I made an unannounced off year licensing visit to Dr. Smith School Age Summer Program in McGregor. Jennifer McCullick is the director of the program. Ms. McCullick began working with the program in October 2019 and became the director in May 2022. She has an AA in early childhood education. I met with Andrea Landt, the on-site supervisor. Ms. Landt began working with the program in May 2023. She is a paraeducator at the school and she has her substitute license. She is returning to school to get a degree in special education for children K-12. She will graduate in December. There are two staff members present with the children each day.

The Dr. Smith School Age Summer Program opened on 06/05/17. It is at MFL MarMac Community School. This childcare program only operates during the summer. It is open Monday through Friday and serves only school-aged children. The school age children start at the Dr. Smith Childcare program and move to the school at approximately 9:00 am. The children remain at the school until 2:30-3:00 pm and then move back to the childcare center. There are currently 17 children enrolled.

The centers observed on the day of the licensing visit include library, blocks, table toys, games, puzzles, art, dramatic play, writing, math, sensory items, listening and Play-Doh. Centers were arranged in a manner that allowed easy movement between activities, but it also allowed for clear supervision by staff members. Materials were in good condition. The materials are located at child level, so they are easily accessible to the children.

The program primarily operates out of one classroom in the school for activities. They are in a new classroom this year that provides more space.

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The bathrooms are in the hospital. The boys' bathroom has five urinals, two sinks and three sinks. The girls' bathroom has five toilets and three sinks. Handwashing procedures were posted in both locations.

They can use the school gym and the outside playground area.

The program participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The children are served breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. Lunch is delivered from the childcare center. The children eat lunch in the classroom. The children eat breakfast at the primary childcare center prior to walking to the school and the afternoon snack when they return to the center. Ms. Landt states they are going to have the children make the snack once a week on-site. A menu was posted. There is a refrigerator on site and a thermometer was present. Mostly disposable items are used, and food is dished out for the children.

The program uses Hillyard Sanitizer to sanitize the food tables. This product has a ten minute dwell time.

Staff members use their cell phones for communication. Emergency numbers are in the binder and they are posted in the classroom. The emergency posting includes the poison control number, the address of the school and the phone number where a staff member could be contacted. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted by the main program door.

A daily schedule was posted. A lesson plan was available for review.

There is a first aid kit on site.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. I reviewed documentation of monthly playground inspections.

A radon test and fuel burning inspection is not necessary because the program is exempt from environmental assessments as a summer-only program located in a public-school building. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 01/16/25.

The program participates in field trips.

The parent information is located on a bulletin board inside the classroom. The mandatory reporter, childcare consultant and the handbook availability were posted. The license was conspicuously hung. A no-smoking sign was posted at the entrance.

**2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program**

Ms. Landt has a lot of experience working with children because she is a paraeducator in a school system during the school year. She has great knowledge of licensing expectations and her primary focus is making sure the children have positive experiences and stay active. Ms. Landt is a great planner and very organized. The children were in the gym during my visit. They were playing kick ball. Staff members were actively engaged with the children. They were patient. They provided the children with clear and easy to understand directions.

Ms. Landt states they keep the children busy.

Ms. Landt states the program is growing. They are trying to have more experiences with the children. They change up the field trips each year so the children do not get bored.

The program has a busy field trip schedule. On Monday they will do Art in the Park. On Tuesday they take a bigger field trip. On Wednesday and Friday, they visit a pool. On Thursday they participate in the library reading program. They use the MFL buses for transportation. They also take the children on walks and visits parks or the Splash Pad. They have use of the school playground. Ms. Landt states they stay flexible and always have a Plan B.

**3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard**

There are no citations.

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

N/A

**5. Special Notes/Recommendations**

A full license is issued for the remainder of the licensing period. All HHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management:
I discussed with Ms. Landt her oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance. Ms. Landt states she is always with the children and at least one other staff member. They receive training when they start and they also have some training through IQ4K. Ms. Landt states when there is a behavior concern, she steps in to handle the situation. She is currently in school to get a BA in special education so she uses what she has learned and her experience as a para. Ms. Landt states she talks with assistants about using a consistent tone, set rules and structures and being consistent. She talks with them about the importance of talking with students for deescalation.

Ms. Landt states she is present to monitor. She communicates with her assistants when they are dealing with a child who has difficult behaviors. She asks the staff member what the child did or why they are in time-out. She tells them to use a firm, but low tone/voice when talking with the children and use their words wisely. Do not use words the children do not understand.

Ms. Landt states they have a good working relationship with teachers. One teacher sent a letter with ideas that have helped with the behaviors of one child. She also keeps sensory items on hand to help calm children.

Date: 06/25/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost

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