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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Metro Kids - McKinley

Provider No.: 36569

Address: 1610 SE 6th St, Des Moines, IA, 50315

County: Polk

Director's Name: Kelsi Stanley

On-Site Supervisor: Maddison Nittler

Phone Number: 5152427951

E-Mail: Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

HHS Visit Date: 12/09/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/17/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	2:30 PM 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			20	100	120
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Metro Kids - McKinley has been in operation for many years. The center provides after school child care for children who attend school at McKinley Elementary School. The school has secured entrances. The center uses the school's gym and cafeteria for program space. The center also uses the school's playground. Kelsi Stanley is the director of Metro Kids programs. Maddison Nittler is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place by the entrance in the cafeteria. The center's schedule is posted. A current lesson plan is posted. The center keeps their supplies and furnishings in a closet. The center has many age appropriate supplies, toys and learning materials for children's use. Children's coats and backpacks are kept in baskets in the cafeteria.

Maddison assisted with today's visit. Three staff were working today. There were twenty three children present today. Children were observed in the cafeteria then went to the gym. Staff had various activities set out on tables, like coloring and drawing materials, games, blocks. Interest areas were set up in the cafeteria also and children were reading in the library area, playing with blocks and actions figures. Staff were sitting at the tables playing alongside the children and assisting as needed.

Metro Kids provides after school snacks. Storage is sufficient to prevent spoilage. Snack served today was cereal and milk.

The center uses the school's playground areas. Des Moines School's staff maintain the playground. Metro Kids complete monthly playground checks.

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Metro Kids programs use Des Moines school buses for field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center has a nice amount of play and learning materials for children's use. Children are able to use the gym and outdoor playground for large motor play activities.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

This center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.

Date: 12/17/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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