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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Hope Grimes Preschool

Provider No.: 51166

Address: 1335 NE Beaverbrooke Blvd, Grimes, IA, 50111

County: Polk

Director's Name: Sarah Hassebrock

On-Site Supervisor: N/A

Phone Number: 5152599495

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HHS Visit Date: 01/20/2026

Licensing Period: 02/01/2025 to 02/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/26/2025

Comments: Johnston - Grimes Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal 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		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			
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	6	53	0	59
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 1/20/26. The new director was present throughout the visit as was her supervisor, Jody Hufford.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Hope Grimes Preschool is a program located within the Hope Grimes Church. The center was given permission to open on 9/8/20. The center serves children ages two through five years in age. The center uses a combination of different learning curriculums. There are a total of four classrooms in use with five different options of class times (five rooms have been approved for use). Capacity of the classrooms are 19 (upstairs), 14, 14, 12 (downstairs). There are AM (9:00 - 11:30) and PM (12:00 - 3:00) classes. There is also an all day transitional Kindergarten class that meets four times a week. The center is only open during the school year.

All of the Hope programs are overseen by a Board. All of these programs also have a Hope Preschool Head Director, Jody Hufford, who oversees the daily operations of all of the Hope programs. The director of this specific program starting in 8/2025 is Sarah Hassebrock. Sarah has a BA degree in elementary education and has past experience working in child care.

During the visit, children were observed in a variety of activities which included large motor play in the downstairs fellowship hall/indoor gym area, washing their hands, praying before lunch, eating lunch, and engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations made available to them. Total enrollment is currently 78 children.

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NUTRITION: Parents are required to bring snack for the entire classroom when it is their child's turn for snack. Parents are also required to provide their child's lunch if their child is in the transitional kindergarten class. A list of credible foods that meet CACFP guidelines are provided to parents. All food storage was sufficient.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The center does not go on field trips. The center will bring different agencies into the center for presentations to children.

PLAYGROUND: The center has a large, open grassy area they use for outdoor playground space. When weather doesn't permit outdoor play, the center also has a large motor room they can use.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This is a center that meets a need in the community. Enrollment has again increased over the past year.

The center has as lot of support from the church.

All Hope programs share the same handbooks, same curriculums, trainings, etc. There is continuity.

There are monthly staff meetings held between all of the directors of the different Hope programs. There are quarterly staff meetings held at this location with all staff. The director also sends out a Sunday weekly email to her staff to better prepare them for the week ahead.

The director is organized and has past experience working in child care.

Good child/staff activities were observed throughout the visit.

The center looked and smelled clean.

There is a secure entrance into all center classrooms.

The director believes her staff work well together.

The center is now using the the online app, Brightwheel for further communication with parents.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

Fire and tornado drills were not documented for April and May of 2025.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing was last conducted 8/19/22 - 8/22/22. Radon levels came back below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing, levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The boilers were last inspected on 1/12/26.

I-Power and IQ4K were again discussed at the visit. Several staff still need to create I - Power profiles, be linked to this

center, and upload training certificates/hours.

A hand washing posting is needed for the men's restroom on the lower level.

6. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum1: A drop in visit was made on 8/27/26 to review new classroom renovations and capacities. The new capacity will be 57 children overall. Rooms are as follows:

  Upstairs Pre-K room: 19 children.
  New downstairs classroom: 9 children.
  3's: 14 children.
  Pre-K: 15 children.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 8/27/2026 11:47:34 AM

Date: 01/20/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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.

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