Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: KinderCare Learning Center **Enrollment:** 193 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50165

Street: 8601 Thomas Avenue **City:** Johnston Iowa **Zip** 50131 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 8601 Thomas Avenue, Johnston, IA, 50131

Director's Name: Paige Poore **Phone Number:** 515-214-1036

On-Site Supervisor(s): Danielle Anderson **E-Mail:** paige.poore@kindercare.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-21-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-10-2024

FIRE INSPECTION **State** X **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 12-13-2023

Comments : 6/14/24 - new building

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	91	32	61	21	205
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2024 to 08-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 08-22-2024

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

KinderCare Learning Center opened in September 2019. This daycare is one of many daycares owned and operated by the nationwide corporation KinderCare Education. The center is located in a single standing building with a secured entrance. Paige Poore is the director of this center. Paige has been the director since February 2022. Paige has been in the child care field since 2013. Danielle Anderson is the on site supervisor. Danielle has an Associates degree in Child Development. She's been employed with KinderCare since June 2020. The district manager is Rachel Ross. The center serves children ages infancy through school age. The center also has an inside large motor play area. The hours of operation are 6:30 am to 6:00 pm.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing standards and rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance of the building. Lesson plans and schedules are posted outside of classrooms. Diaper changing procedures are posted where required. Handwashing posters are posted in bathrooms. All classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, learning materials and toys. Classrooms have defined, labeled learning centers.

Paige and Danielle assisted with today's visit. Infant 3 had eight infants present. Infant 4 had seven infants present. Mobile Infants had seven infants present. Two staff were working in all these classrooms. Toddler 3 had twelve children present. Three staff were working with this group. Discovery Preschool 1 (2's) had thirteen children in attendance. Discovery Preschool 2 had twelve children present. There were two staff working in each of these classrooms. Preschool 1 (2/3's) had seventeen children present. Two staff were working today. Preschool 2 also had seventeen children in attendance today. There were three staff working in this classroom. PreK 1 had nineteen children present. Two staff were working in this class. PreK 2 had twenty four children in attendance. Two staff were working with this group. Transitional Kindergarten and School Age were combined today. There were twenty four children in this group. There were three staff working with this group of children. In the new building, Infant 2 had seven infants present with three staff working. In Toddler 2, eight children were present. Two staff were working in this classroom. Children were observed in their classrooms and on the playground. Lunch time was observed in several classrooms.

The center has a kitchen and cook. The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks. Menus were reviewed and CACFP standards are followed. Menus are on a four week rotation. Lunch served today was spaghetti, green beans, apricots and milk.

The center has three playgrounds. The toddlers have a playground, the two's have a playground. The preschool age, PreK and Transitional K classes have a playground. Poured surfacing is used in all playgrounds. There is also grass and concrete for surfacing. There are small climbing structures and fencing on all playgrounds. Staff have completed monthly playground checks.

The center has two vans.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

KinderCare supplies lesson plans, menus, classroom curriculums. All classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate learning and play materials.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.10(7): Staff hand washing: The center shall ensure staff demonstrate clean personal hygiene. Staff shall wash hands: After diapering a child.
Staff members didn't wash their hands after changing children's diapers/pull ups.

109.10(8): Children's hand washing: Center shall ensure staff assist children in personal hygiene. Children's hands shall be washed:After using the restroom or being diapered.
Staff didn't have children wash their hands after being diapered.

109.12(5)b: Infants diapered in a sanitary manner as needed in central diapering area.One changing table for every 15 infants/toddlers needing diaper changes.Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
Staff didn't clean and sanitize the changing pad in two classrooms between children having their diaper changed.

Management said they were going to review bathroom and diapering procedures with all staff.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

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