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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Cattell **Enrollment:** 51 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36553

Street: 3101 E 12th Street **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50316 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2100 Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA, 50321

Director's Name: Kelsi Stanley **Phone Number:** 515-242-7951

On-Site Supervisor(s): Georgia Beeman **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-13-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-15-2021

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

Date Inspected: 08-18-2021

Comments :

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

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

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				120	120
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2022 to 01-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 03-26-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - Cattell has been in operation since 1987. The center provides before and after school sessions throughout the school year. The center uses the school's cafeteria and gym for programming. The center also uses the school's playground for outdoor play activities. Heidi Brown is the director of this Metro Kids site as well as several other sites. Georgia Beeman is the On Site Supervisor. She's been with Metro Kids since 2007.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to DHHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. The spring break schedule and lesson plan was available. The regular schedule and a monthly newsletter was also posted.

Georgia was present and she assisted with today's visit. There were six additional staff working with Georgia. Thirty eight children were present at the time of the visit. Children were observed in the cafeteria and gym. The young children were in the cafeteria and the older children were in the gym. Interest areas were set up throughout the cafeteria and gym today as today was all day programming. Children were playing card games, board games, doing art activities, playing within the interest centers and playing video games and playing large motor games. Interactions between the children and staff appeared to be positive.

The center has a lot of outdoor play materials for children's use. School staff maintain the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center provides snack during regular programming. During regional days and breaks, the center provides breakfast and snacks. There were some breakfast foods and snacks being served that are not in compliance with CACFP standards. CACFP information was sent to Kelsie Stanley. Kelsie is sharing the information with all the Metro centers. The storage of the snacks is sufficient.

Metro Kids doesn't take field trips during the school year

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Georgia has a lot of years of experience with Metro Kids. The center has spacious programming space. The center has a nice amount of play materials and supplies for children's use.

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.
Number not in compliance for dental: 1

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks.Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking. Metro Kids has food being served for breakfast and snacks that are not in compliance with CACFP standards.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The 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 me (phone (515)362-7823: email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us so that we can discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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