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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Cattell **Enrollment:** 39 **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: Linda Phillips **Phone Number:** 515-242-7951

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

Date(s) of Visit: 11-26-2024

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:** 11-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-22-2023

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*	*Summary 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 01-01-2024 to 01-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 12-18-2024

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 after school care 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. Linda Phillips is the director. 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 HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. A schedule/lesson plan and monthly newsletter was posted.

Georgia assisted with today's visit. There were eight staff working today. There were thirty nine children were present at the time of the visit. Children were divided into two groups. The younger group, children ages Kindergarten through 2nd grade, were in the cafeteria. Children ages third grade through fifth grade, were in the gym. Interest areas were set up throughout the cafeteria and gym. Children were also playing large motor play games in the cafeteria. Children were doing crafts and table activities in the cafeteria. Staff did some group games with the children, such as The Floor is Lava and some video dance games, as it was too cold to play outdoors today.

The center provides snack during regular programming. During regional days and breaks, the center provides breakfast and snacks. Menus reviewed showed compliance with CACFP requirements.

The center uses the school's playground. School staff maintain the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

Metro Kids Programs use Des Moines Schools buses for off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Georgia has a lot of years of experience with Metro Kids. The center has a nice amount of age appropriate play and leaning materials. The center has spacious programming areas.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during the visit today.

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 melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) 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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