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

Name of Center: Purple Bloom School, LLC **Enrollment:** 160 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 49596

Street: 2060 12th AVE **City:** Coralville Iowa **Zip** 52241 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 2060 12th AVE, Coralville , IA, 52241

Director's Name: Katie Tsilosani **Phone Number:** 319-431-4604

On-Site Supervisor(s): Breanna Davis and Erin McCray **E-Mail:** katie.tsilosani@purplebloomschool.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-24-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-31-2024

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

Date Inspected: 10-05-2022

Comments : Does Comply.

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 X 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	36	30	40	60	166
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2024 to 06-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 07-15-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker and Lorri Hora from Child Care Resource and Referral arrived at PURPLE BLOOM SCHOOL, LLC - 49596 for an annual visit on 6/24/2025. The center provides childcare for infants to school aged children. They are open from 7:00am to 5:30pm. They have 160 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. There are 11 classrooms, a kitchen, storage spaces and office. The child care center opened in 2018. The center is for profit and owned by: Katie Tsilosani.

The director is Katie Tsilosani. Katie has an Associates' Degree in Liberal Arts. Katie opened the center in 2018.

The on-site supervisors are Breanna Davis and Erin Mc Cray. Breanna has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She is working towards her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She started in 2018. Erin has a Master's Degree in Marketing . Erin started in 2022

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free.

This worker observed staff and children interactions including: rocking infants to sleep, handwashing, diapering, lunch time, outdoor play, etc.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed including handwashing, medication management, appropriate cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting, excluding ill children/staff, incident reports, and first aid kits.

The center has a playground area and monthly inspections were completed.

The center offers transportation from Van Allen, Penn, Garner, Wickham, and Central Elementary to Purple Bloom School.

We only offer field trips with students in Summer Camp who have completed at minimum Kindergarten. We offer field trips to Wickiup Hill, Sass Family Farms, North Liberty Fire Station (with a swing by the Penn Splash Pad and Hein's ice cream), The Iowa Children's Museum, Marcus Theaters in Coralville, The Englert Theater, Tiffin Splash Pad, Wilson's Apple Orchard, The Johnson County Animal Shelter, Lantern Park Nursing home to participate in Rec Therapy Sessions with the residents, and walks to North Ridge Park.

The center serves snack each morning and each afternoon. Parents/guardians provide lunch; however the center supplements if needed.

Staff files, child files and the licensing notebook were reviewed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The director and on-site supervisors understood the need to partner with Child Care Resource and Referral.
-The director shared that they are a tight knit, close, community. They support each other in many ways including support for mental health, well being, and true care for each other. They offer a meal service for their staff where a past staff member prepares gluten and dairy free meals in a commercial kitchen in town. The meals are provided as staff orders them and then payroll deducted.
-They offer clothing with our logo at no charge to our staff and get items made that specifically meet clothing needs of staff of various faiths.
-They offer places for rest, meditation, or prayer during our staff's break time.
-The center partners with TEACH and WAGES program support and scholarship.

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

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
-4 employees did not have Iowa SING Checks. This was a repeat citation from 2024.

109.6(4)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.
-2 employees did not have National FBI Checks. This was a repeat citation from 2024.

109.10(14)a: The center and supervisor shall ensure that staff knows names and number of children assigned. Staff shall provide careful supervision.
-Two staff did not know how many children were in their care.
-A child walked into the restroom behind Child Care Resource and Referral. Staff did not notice that they had left the room.
-Staff must know the age of the children in their classroom to ensure ratio is maintained.
-In one classroom 16 months-2 years old had 13 children with 3 employees. The ratio must be 4 children to 1 employee. They were over by 1 child.
-When this concern was pointed out to staff she called the office and office staff ensured that ratio was maintained.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sufficient cooling.
-Cleaning supplies was under the sink without a child safety latch. Cleaning supplies cannot be accessible to children. REPEAT CITATION 2023, 2022.
-High chairs were used as restrictive devices. "Near Supervision" was not provided as per the manual. One child was observed trying to climb out.
https://consumercare.safety1st.com/sfsites/c/sfc/servlet.shepherd/document/download/0695G000018RmyxQAC?operationContext=S1
-The center has purchased several new floor high chairs to prevent this from being a fall hazard.
-Bottle warmers were being used: First Years bottle warmer says for home use only.
https://www.manualslib.com/manual/1928197/Tomy-The-First-Years-Y1095aut2.html?page=2#manual and the Phillips Avent bottle warmer says for home use only
https://www.documents.philips.com/assets/20220506/c9ddb077cde94a34a24aae8d0058a3d8.pdf REPEAT CITATION 2021. New bottle warmers were ordered for the center.
-Sufficient Cooling: Two classrooms were 77 degrees. When the outdoor temperature rises above 82 degrees Fahrenheit, the room temperature should be cooled to between 68-72 degrees Fahrenheit. REPEAT CITATION 2024. The director shared that this has occurred as a repeat citation because staff put too many things in the storage closet where the unit is, She has purchased new door knobs to ensure that this does not happen again.

109.12(4)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices for infants under one year of age: Infants shall always be placed on their backs for sleep. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child shall be allowed to sleep in any item not designed for infant sleeping, including but not limited to an infant seat, car seat, swing, or bouncy seat.
-A child under the age of one was sleeping on a cot. This does not follow safe sleep procedures. Please review: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/2851/download?inline and https://safetosleep.nichd.nih.gov/resources/order
-Staff shared that there is also an infant that has to sleep in a bouncy seat for feeding. This child will need a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required.

109.13(1 and 2): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals. Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep. Menus shall be made available to parents and kept on file with substitutions noted. Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking.
-Choking hazards were repeatedly being served to young children: grapes, raisings, string cheese. Please review the following: https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/ReducingRiskofChokinginYoungChildren.pdf REPEAT CITATION 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021

-Staff did not provide supervision at the table during snack and meals.
-Parents provide meals. Meals were not credible and staff did not call the office to supplement. The staff have no way to measure food amounts to ensure it meets CACFP guidance. Please review the following:
https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/meal-pattern-training-worksheets
-Several refrigerator thermometers were over 40 degrees including the refrigerator with breastmilk.
https://www.fda.gov/media/80676/download

109.10(3) The center shall have written procedures for dispensing, storage, and authorization, and recording of all prescription and non-prescription medications.
-The center has policies; however, they were not following them. There were expired medications including emergency medications (Epipens and inhalers), expired over the counter medications, and diaper creams that were medicated not being documented. Several emergency action plans and permission to administer the emergency medications were not signed and dated by the parent/guardian.
-The center is strongly encouraged to complete the: "Medication Administration Skills Competency Training."

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on the number of citations the center was close to being placed on a provisional license. It is imperative that they develop working relationships with:
-Child Care Nurse Consultant: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci
-Child Care Resource and Referral Child Care Consultant: https://iowaccrr.org/

The center owner, director and on-site supervisors have had difficulty establishing and maintaining a way to organize staff files, child files, and the licensing notebook. There were multiple citations for staff files, child files, and the licensing notebook. This worker gave them a time frame to make corrections and they were able to do so; however this is a pattern of disregard that must stop. If they are unable to establish a way to maintain child files, staff files and the licensing notebook a provisional license may be issued, suspension may occur or revocation may occur.

-This worker and Lorri Hora spent a day organizing the center's staff and child files on 2/26/24.
-This worker strongly recommended the center work with CCR&R on 5/28/2025 upon our arrival to the center on 6/24/2025 they still had not scheduled a visit.
-This worker gave the center a spreadsheet on director responsibilities: To do daily, to do weekly, to do monthly, to do annually, staff files, and child files.

This worker had a serious conversation with Katie. On occasions she can trust her staff too easily and she does not provide the supervisory role that is needed. She must remember at the end of the day per Comm. 204, "The center director is responsible for the overall functions of the center, including supervising staff, designing curriculum and program administration. The center director must have overall responsibility for carrying out the program and ensuring the safety and protection of the children."

To ensure and maintain compliance:
-Katie, Breanna and Stacy are developing an excel spreadsheet to ensure staff files and child files are up to date.
-Katie, Breanna and Stacy will continue to work with CCR&R and CCNC to ensure staff/child files are compliant.
-Katie, Breanna and Stacy are working with Child Care Collaborative of Iowa (CCCI) on establishing Brighwheel.

The center must comply with the minimum requirements as defined in state laws and rules governing the standards for childcare centers. The childcare consultant will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year

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 to address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all the above-mentioned violations.

It is imperative that the director has a full understanding of Iowa Code 109 and Comm. 204. They can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/providers/ccc/ under HHS Regulations.

Please do not hesitate to contact the licensing consultant, Heidi Brown, if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 515-631-8846 or heidi.brown@hhs.iowa.gov

*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.