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

Name of Center: KinderCare Learning Center - Ankeny **Enrollment:** 105 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50489

Street: 3055 N Ankeny BLVD **City:** Ankeny Iowa **Zip** 50021 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 3055 N Ankeny BLVD, Ankeny, IA, 50021

Director's Name: Brianne Watson **Phone Number:** 515-964-0688

On-Site Supervisor(s): Taylor Proctor **E-Mail:** ankeny@kindercare.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-31-2025

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:** 01-29-2025

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

Date Inspected: 01-30-2025

Comments :

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	48	28	40	30	146
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2025 to 02-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 02-10-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

KinderCare Learning Center - Ankeny opened in March 2019. This daycare is one of many daycares owned and operated by KinderCare Corporation, a nationwide company. This child care center is located in a single standing building that has a secured entrance. The center serves children ages infant through school age. Brianne Watson is the director. Taylor Proctor is the assistant director.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the center's entrance. Classroom schedules and lesson plans are posted in individual classrooms. Classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys. Older children's classrooms have well defined interest centers.

Brianne assisted with today's visit. Infant 1 classroom had three infants in attendance. One staff was working in this classroom. Infant 2 classroom had seven infants present. There were two staff working in this class. Toddler 1 had four children present. There was one staff working with this group. Toddler 2 had eight children. Two staff were working with this group. Discovery PS1 had six children present. One staff was working with this classroom. Discovery PS2 had eleven children present. There were two staff working with this class. Preschool had nine children present. One staff was working with this class. PreK had seven children present. One staff was working in this class. TK1 had eighteen children present. Two staff were working in this classroom. The school age class wasn't in session during the visit. Children were observed in their classrooms and in the gym. Some children were observed having lunch. Children were observed doing table activities, playing in centers and doing large motor play activities. Children were also observed during transition times. Staff were supporting children during their activities. Staff helped children prepare for rest time by patting their backs while children laid on cots and by reading books to children.

The center provides morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus are on a four week rotation. Lunch served today was cheese pizza, broccoli, peppers and milk. Menus reviewed showed compliance with CACFP requirements.

The playgrounds have fencing. There is poured rubber for required surfacing material. The center completes monthly playground checklists.

The centers has two small buses for transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

KinderCare centers receive a lot of support from their corporate office. The center is spacious classrooms that are well supplied with many learning centers.

The center listed their strengths as the following:
Secure entrance
Child supervision records used daily
Daily sheets sent home for all children
Monthly staff meetings
First 100 days training
All staff are 18 years old or older
Muffins for Mom/Doughnuts for Dad events

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.
Several files were missing dentist information

109.10(7): Staff hand washing: The center shall ensure staff demonstrate clean personal hygiene. Staff shall wash hands: Upon arrival at the center.Immediately before eating or participating in food service activity.After diapering a child.
Staff had changed diapers and left their used gloves on while preparing cots for rest time

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 wash children's hands after being diapered

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.
Licensing violations were discussed with Brianne. She was going to review diapering procedures with all staff.

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