Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Newton Christian Preschool

Provider No.: 50751

Address: 1711 N 13th Ave E, Newton, IA, 50208

County: Jasper

Director's Name: Elisha Biehn

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 6417921924

E-Mail: ebiehn@newtonchristianschool.com

HHS Visit Date: 09/22/2025

Licensing Period: 12/01/2025 to 12/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 11/16/2023

Comments: Newton Fire Department

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		8:00 AM to 3:15 PM	
Tuesday		8:00 AM to 11:15 AM	
Wednesday		8:00 AM to 3:15 PM	
Thursday		8:00 AM to 3:15 PM	
Friday		8:00 AM to 11:15 AM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			20		20
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Newton Christian Preschool opened in September 2019. The preschool is located right behind Newton Christian School. The preschool is the sole occupant of the building. There is a secured entrance. The preschool offers programming for children ages three to five. The building has a spacious classroom that has it's own bathroom. Another classroom is used for large motor play activities. Elisha Biehn is the director of the program.

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 center's entrance. The class schedules are posted. The current lesson plans, My School and Emotions, Friends and Family were posted. The spacious classroom is well supplied with age appropriate furnishings, learning materials and toys. The center has labeled interest centers. Children's artwork is displayed throughout the classroom and entrance. Children's coats and backpacks are kept on hooks and cubbies.

Elisha assisted with today's visit. There were two teachers working with today's class. There were eleven children present today. Today's class, the Adventure Class, is a group of three to five year old children. Children were observed during circle learning time and during child directed play and learning activities. Staff also spent individual time with children doing a writing activity.

The center provides snack during sessions. The center provides parents a list of specific snacks to provide. Today's snack was apples, crackers and water.

The center's outdoor playground has fencing. There is natural wood climbing structures. There is pea gravel, grass and concrete for surfacing. The center completed monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center participates in the IQ4K Program. This center is located in newer building, built specifically for the preschool. The children have large motor play activities daily, through the use of the outdoor playground and the large motor play classroom. The preschool is a part of Newton Christian School and is well supported by the school.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations cited during the visit.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

NA

5. 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 may 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.

*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.

Date: 09/26/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson

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