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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Ames Christian School

Provider No.: 18060

Address: 925 S 16th St, Ames, IA, 50010

County: Story

Director's Name: Amy Carlat

On-Site Supervisor: NA

Phone Number: 5152330772

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HHS Visit Date: 11/06/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2024 to 11/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 11/07/2023

Comments: Fire Inspections are due at least every three years, completed by Ames Fire Dept.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Tuesday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Wednesday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Thursday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Friday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			57	26	83
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced full licensing visit was completed 11-6-25. Amy Carlat, director was present through the entire visit.

Ames Christian School offers a preschool program and a child care program, as well as before and after school programming for school age children attending Ames Christian School. The preschool program has been in existence since at least 1999, and the child care program started in 2009. The school principal is Jill Wilson. Amy Carlat is the preschool and before and after school director since 2019. Amy meets qualifications for this role. Amy has a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education.

The hours for the child care program are 7:00 am-5:30 pm. They also offer before and after school care to their elementary age students, starting and ending with these same hours as well. This is a school year only program.

Preschool sessions are either from 8:30-11:15 am, or noon-3:00 pm. The three year old children meet on T/Th mornings, or M/W mornings. The four year old children can either attend a three day session, a four day session or all five days. Children can attend all day programming with the warp around child care offered, so that children can attend their preschool session and then receive extended care at the school for the remainder at the day, both before and after the session.

Two adjoining rooms are used, for both preschool and at times, the extended child care. Both have a capacity for 24 children. Each room has a sink in the program area, and each room has a single stall bathroom with a sink in it. The cafeteria/multipurpose room is still used for before and after school programming and has a capacity for 26 children. The before and after school children also use the two preschool rooms at times, as well as the small library room.

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The preschool uses components of the Creative Curriculum and teachers write their own lesson plans and themes. There is a religious component to the curriculum as well. The program is not affiliated with a specific church in the community, however families have to be Christian to attend. Each Classroom offers a good variety of learning centers and toys. The children were content and the staff were engaged in leading a group activity when this visit occurred.

Lunches are provided to Ames Christian Preschool and School by Ames Community School. Lunch along with morning and after noon snacks are served in the pre-school classrooms family-style by staff. The menus rotate per the school district and are following CACFP guidelines for healthy eating.

The program offers a good sized playground that is enclosed.

Transportation: No transportation is provided.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

There is a secure entry and video surveillance of the exterior and hallways.

The program has good communication with parents and there are conferences offered twice a year for the preschool children and families.

The staff work well together and staff morale is high. The director is supportive to staff and students. The school has a newly hired principal that is also a positive support of the program.

Ames Christian works well with community resources such as the child care nurse consultant and Child Care Resource and Referral.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.7(1): All staff (within first three months of employment):Iowa’s training for the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions.Certification in First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, (Essentials) approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.

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

A staff file reviewed did not have on file certificate of completion for Essentials training, and Ipower did not list a completion of Essentials training. The director is very responsive and was notified; the staff will locate completion certificates or complete the training as soon as possible.

A staff file reviewed did not have yearly training hours to verify completion. The director will ensure completion of yearly trainings. The director is very organized and encourages trainings.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon Testing was completed 10/24/24 and all results were below the 4.0 set safety level. Testing would be due again in

five years.

Date: 11/09/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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 necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.