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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell-Grant Ragan Elementary

Provider No.: 47633

Address: 645 NE Dartmoor DR, Waukee, IA, 50263

County: Dallas

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes and Rich Miller

On-Site Supervisor: Michelle Macias

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HHS Visit Date: 12/01/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/19/2024

Comments: Waukee Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years for licensing. Waukee typically does annual inspections.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	0	245	245
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 12/1/25. The on-site supervisor was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed with the exception of the playground which was not observed due to the large amount of snow cover on the ground. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation (monthly playground inspections), field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Beyond the Bell - Grant Ragan is a school-age program located within the Grant Ragan Elementary School in Waukee. This program that was given permission to open on 8/23/16. During the school year, children can attend 6:30am-8:40am and/or 3:40pm-6:00pm. During the summer months and No School days, the program is open 6:30am-6:30pm. This is one of several Beyond the Bell programs and they all use a similar learning curriculum based off of other learning curriculums.

All Beyond the Bell programs are overseen by a Board. The directors of this program and the other Beyond the Bell programs are Andrea Wilmes and Rich Miller. Andrea is also the director of the three Wee Care programs in Waukee and Vince Meyer. Both individuals meet the requirements for director. The on-site supervisor at this program is Michelle Macias. Michelle has many years of experience working in child care and has taken several professional development courses over the years to meet the requirements for on-site supervisor.

The center uses primarily the cafeteria and the gym which are connected to each other. The center also uses the outdoor playground area.

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During the inspection, all of the children were in the gym playing several different large motor games. Several children were questioned as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills. Children gave specific answers as to where they relocate to. Toys and other equipment are being sanitized daily.

Enrollment has increased over the past year. There are currently 99 children enrolled at this center.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center has a good system in place for getting and tracking children coming to the program after school is dismissed.

Staff use walkie-talkies to communicate with each other.

All of the Beyond the Bell programs have information about their programs listed through the Waukee School District Website.

Monthly staff meetings are held. In addition, the directors of the Beyond the Bell programs meet at least quarterly with other directors of similar before/after school programs in the western suburbs. Finally, on-site supervisors of the BTB programs have monthly meetings with each other.

There is a good working relationship with other school personnel.

Good staff-child activities were observed.

The on-site supervisor believes staff work well together.

The on-site supervisor is organized and has many years of experience working in child care/school-age programs.

Enrollment has increased over the past year.

The BTB programs now have a behavioral specialist and curriculum specialist on payroll through the school district.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

When children leave the cafeteria or gym to use the restroom, staff should at least stand in-between the doorways and hallway to ensure children go where they say they are going.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The program is exempt from environmental testing as they only serve school-age children and are located in a school.

For field trips, the center contracts with the school district and take a school bus. Field trips are primarily taken during the summer months and school breaks.

Nutrition: During the school year, children can eat breakfast provided by the school if they have money in their school account. The center provides the PM snack. During summer months and No School days, the center provides an AM snack and PM snack and children are required to bring in their own lunches. The center food storage was sufficient.

I-Power was discussed at the visit. All staff need to have I - Power profiles and be uploading training if the training isn't

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already automatically uploaded. Any staff no longer with the program should be unlinked from the program in I - Power.

Date: 12/01/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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