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

Name of Center: Mustang Scholars Preschool **Enrollment:** 28 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47791

Street: 300 E 5th St **City:** Prairie City Iowa **Zip** 50228 **County:** Jasper

Mailing Address: PO Box 178, Prairie City, IA, 50228

Director's Name: Mary Catherine Striegel **Phone Number:** 515-994-2250

On-Site Supervisor(s): NA **E-Mail:** mustangscholarspreschool@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-04-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-04-2022

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

Date Inspected: 09-14-2021

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			16		16
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2022 to 11-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 10-06-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Mustang Scholars Preschool opened in September 2016. The preschool is held in the First Reformed Church. Programming is held in one classroom. The preschool has a secured entrance.The preschool also uses another room for serving snack. The preschool serves children ages three and four years of age. Mary Catherine Striegel is the director/lead teacher. Mary Catherine has an Associates of Arts degree in Sign Language. She has many years of experience working with young children in the school setting as well as child care setting. Mary Catherine began working at the preschool in 2016.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to DHHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are posted at the entrance. The class schedule is posted. The lesson plan was available. The classroom has well defined, labeled interest centers throughout the classroom. There is a dream play center, science center, art area, sensory table, blocks, doll house, circle time and library.

Mary Catherine and the assistant teacher were working today. Fourteen children were present. Children were observed during child directed play in the centers. Each teacher was sitting at a table assisting a few children at a time. One teacher had a counting and number recognition activity. One teacher was doing reading with kids and then having children do a fine motor activity. Interactions between staff and the children were positive throughout the visit.

Parents provide the snacks served. The center provide parents with a list of credible snack items. The center has snacks available also.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The preschool participates in QRS and has achieved a three star rating. The preschool receives JMP Early Childhood Iowa and has received scholarships funds for children in need. Mary Catherine has a lot of experience working with young children. Administrative records are well maintained.

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

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
Radon testing was due in June 2023. The center plans on doing radon testing soon.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This center has a full license.

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