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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Park Avenue

Provider No.: 36573

Address: 3141 SW 9th St, Des Moines, IA, 50315

County: Polk

Director's Name: Kelsi Stanley

On-Site Supervisor: Amy Carothers

Phone Number: 5152427951

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HHS Visit Date: 12/09/2025

Licensing Period: 01/01/2026 to 01/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/23/2024

Comments:

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	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	2:30 PM to 5:30 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				100	100
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Metro Kids - Park Avenue has been in operation for many years. The center provides after school child care school for children attending this school. The center uses the school's cafeteria and gym for programming space. The center also uses the school's playground. The school has secured entrances. The center uses it's own entrance. Kelsi Stanley is the administrative director of the Metro Kids programs. Amy Carothers is the on site supervisor.

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 cafeteria. The center's schedule is posted. A current lesson plan is posted. The center's supplies are kept in cabinets and bins in the front section of the cafeteria. Children's coats and backpacks are kept on hooks in the cafeteria.

Deb Cosner assisted with today's visit. This center has 21st Century and the center combines the two programs. There were two Metro staff working today. Twelve Metro kids were in attendance today. This center typically has three Metro staff present. Children were observed in the cafeteria. Table activities were set out and some additional interest areas were set out also. Children were playing games, playing with manipulatives, doing puzzles and doing art activities. Staff were actively engaged with the children throughout the visit.
Deb did an attendance check during the visit. Deb showed this worker a form that is used for thirty minute attendance checks. This is a great way to ensure all children are accounted for, in addition to doing checks during transition times.

The center provides snack after school. Snack menus show compliance with CACFP requirements.

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The center uses the school's playground. School staff maintain the playground. Fall surfacing material is rubber tile. The center completed monthly playground checks.

Metro Kids uses Des Moines School buses for off site field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center has a nice amount of age appropriate supplies and furnishings for children's use. Children are offered large motor play activities daily through the use of the school's gym and playground.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were some kids' files missing doctor, dentist and/or hospital information.

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 your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*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: 12/11/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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