Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Covenant Kids Preschool

Provider No.: 30208

Address: 604 Third St SW, Orange City, IA, 51041

County: Sioux

Director's Name: Anna Zeutenhorst

On-Site Supervisor: Melissa Brummel

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HHS Visit Date: 09/25/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/13/2023

Comments:

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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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	40
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

I completed an unannounced visit to the Covenant Kids Preschool Center. I was able to speak with Anna Zeutenhorst, director of the program Anna has a degree in elementary education and several years of experience working with children. Covenant Kids Preschool is located in a classroom in the Orange City Christian School. The preschool operates Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 11:30am and 12:30pm to 3:15pm. The program also has an additional room to offer Cub Care for after morning preschool hours which will be from 11:15am to 3:15 pm. On Friday there are no preschool classes, however, the Cub Care program is offered all day from 8:15 to 3:15pm. Both Preschool and Cub Care are only offered during the school year and follow the school calendar. The program serves children ages 4 to 5 years old. There are 46 children enrolled and 14 present for the morning session when I conducted my visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The center uses the Creative Curriculum, a research-based early childhood program that emphasizes hands-on, project-based learning to promote children's cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development. In addition, the center incorporates a Bible Curriculum to provide age-appropriate faith-based instruction and values education. The classrooms are organized into multiple learning centers, designed to encourage exploration, creativity, and independent learning through play. The classroom is thoughtfully arranged with a variety of learning materials and visual displays, including the alphabet, sight words, and numbers, as well as children’s original artwork, creating an engaging and educational environment.

Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. No other food is stored in the room. Nutritious snacks are brought by parents each day. CACFP guidelines are followed. Cub Care and Friday Care parents provide snacks, but lunch is provided by the school. The program gives parents a list of healthy snacks to follow. Tables are sanitized prior to meals, and proper handwashing procedures were observed to be followed consistently by both staff and children.

Then center has a large playground area that they share with the school. The playground has slides, sand area and climbing equipment. Woods chips are around all the equipment. The school maintains the playground. Shade is available on the playground and monthly inspections were completed.

First aid kit is complete and the school nurse monitors. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Radon results were within normal range. Heating inspections are complete.
If the center does a field trip, school buses are used. The Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector

Goals of the program work on their IQ4K level.

They would also like to complete some projects on their playground that need to be addressed, including safety concerns regarding two uncovered sandboxes. One is wooden and shows signs of wear, including splintering wood, protruding nails, and broken components.

Other concerns noted were fall surfacing requirements, noting wood chip surfacing should be maintained at a depth of nine inches. The deepest spot observed was only 3½ to 4 inches.

Anna is encouraged to reach out to CCR& R Consultant regarding the Growing Iowa Grant.
Strengths of the program is that the program has good community, school and family support. Good communication with staff and families. Good team staff who work well together. The ablitily to off Cubs Care for families that need extended childcare.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center is well organized and very clean.

The Cub Care Program allows children to remain at school for working parents.

Staff consistently engage children in their care, employing positive reinforcement and gentle redirection to support learning and appropriate behavior.

Has a parent board advisory board that meets 4x year.

Center has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress.

Center is working on getting on IQ4K program.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.11(4)a: Center must have safe outdoor program area adjacent to the center, with sufficient square footage to accommodate at least 30 percent of the enrollment capacity at any one time at 75 spear feet per child. Outdoor space must: Be free from litter and unsafe materials and free from contamination by the drainage or ponding of sewage or storm water. Include safe play equipment and an area of shade. Include fencing to protect from bodies of water or vehicular traffic.

Please address wooden sandboxes and surfacing requirements.

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Program will email consultant by 12--30-25 confirming that items that fall below standards has been corrected or a plan in place. It is recommended that the Director continue to work with CCRR for support.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

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Date: 09/26/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

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