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

Name of Center: Kids West-Crestview Elementary **Enrollment:** 35 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 41572

Street: 8355 Franklin Ave **City:** Clive Iowa **Zip** 50325 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 3550 Mills Civic Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA, 50265

Director's Name: Ashley Kunz **Phone Number:** 515-633-5018

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jasmin Echeverria **E-Mail:** cvkidswest@wdmcs.org
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Date(s) of Visit: 08-26-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-12-2024

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

Date Inspected: 08-29-2022

Comments : Clive Fire Marshal. Inspections for licensing are due at least every three years. With the new renovation, there is most likely a more recent one the school has on file and the center should also have a copy of this inspection for their records.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **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 Preschool-Age X School-Age
Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	0	0	0	150	150
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2024 to 10-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 08-27-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 8/26/24. The director and the on-site supervisor were both present for this visit.

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

Kids West Crestview is a school-age program located within the Crestview Elementary School in Clive. The center predominately uses the gym, cafeteria, a classroom (sparingly used), and outdoor playground area. The program was given permission to open under HHS supervision on 8/22/14. Previous to this date, the center was under the Department of Education's supervision. There is a before and after school component as well as a full-day component during the summer and no school days. Before school hours are 6:30am - 8:20am and after school hours are 3:10pm - 6:00pm (with the exception of early out days which are on Wednesdays). Full day programming is 6:30am - 6:00pm.

The center is overseen by a Board and owned by the West Des Moines School District. Ashley Kunz is the new director of this program as well as all the other Kids West programs. Ashley has a BA degree and has past experience working in child care. Her past experience includes being an area director for another program that had multiple sites. The on-site supervisor of this location is Jasmin Echeverria. Jasmin has worked with school-age child care programs for several years and meets the qualifications for on-site supervisor.

During the visit, children were divided up between the cafeteria and the gym. In the cafeteria, children were divided into smaller groups and playing with the learning stations made available to them. In the gym, children were observed in different groups and engaged in large motor activities. Staff were spaced out among the different groups of children in the cafeteria and the gym.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The director has regular meetings with other directors of school programs in the western suburbs.

On-site supervisors of the Kids West programs have weekly meetings with each other.

The on-site supervisor at this center has monthly staff meetings with her staff.

A nutritionist reviews all meals items.

Staff use walkie-talkies to communicate with each other if they are in different areas of the building.

The center has a good mix of tenured and new staff members. The on-site supervisor continues to believe she has a good

team and they work well together.

Overall, there is a good working relationship with other school personnel. The program also has behavior interventionalists who assist as needed between the eight Kids West programs.

Staff pictures are posted by the main parent board.

The center has four Spanish speaking staff members as well as two Bosnian speaking staff members.

Some internal renovations have been completed over the past year.

The center now has more storage space in part because of the new renovations.

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

No below standards were identified at this year's inspection visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they serve school-age children in a school building.

The center contacts with the school district and take a school bus for transportation on field trips.

I - Power and IQ4K were again discussed with the director at the visit. All staff will need to be connected to this program (Kids West programs) and continue to upload training certificates.

The early out schedule will need to be changed some as far as start times.

It is recommended the director also have access to staff physicals like she does other staff licensing requirements.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended. The application and payment was sent in on 8/12/24.

*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.