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

Name of Center: YSS Ogden Kids Club **Enrollment:** 39 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 41950

Street: 313 W Sycamore St **City:** Ogden Iowa **Zip** 50212 **County:** Boone

Mailing Address: 420 Kellogg AVE, Ames, IA, 50010

Director's Name: Katie Highland **Phone Number:** 515-298-0587

On-Site Supervisor(s): Tory McKay **E-Mail:** khighland@yss.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-18-2025

X **Licensing Visit** X **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:** 02-10-2025

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

Date Inspected: 04-13-2023

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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 X Other 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	60	60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2025 to 04-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 03-18-2025

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 3/18/25. Tory McKay (on-site coordinator) was present throughout the 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.

YSS Kids Club - Ogden is located within an elementary school in Ogden, IA. The center moved into this school in the Fall of 2019. The center primarily uses the cafeteria, but they also have access to the indoor gym space. The center serves children in K - 6th grade who attend this school or the middle school. Children can attend in the mornings from 6:30am - 8:00am and the afternoons from 3:15pm - 6:00pm. During the summer months and no school days, the program is in operation from 6:30am - 6:00pm. The center uses their own learning curriculum with children as well as the Generations RX Curriculum.

The center is overseen by a Board. The director of the program and all YSS programs is Katie Highland. Katie has a Bachelor's degree as well as past experience working in child care. Tory McKay is the on-site coordinator for this program and a few other YSS programs. Tory has an AA degree in Early Childhood Education as well as past experience working in child care.

During the visit, children and staff were all in the gym. It was Spring Break week. The children were playing a game called Uncle Sam that revolved around a lot of large motor activities. Children appeared to be enjoying this game. There were two children that were arguing at one point and staff did a nice job of de-escalating the situation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center and other YSS before and after school programs are accredited by CARF.

School custodial staff members clean, sanitize, and disinfect the center classroom on a daily basis. The center has a good working relationship with the school.

All on-site supervisors of the YSS programs meet weekly for staff meetings. Individual center staff meetings are held monthly. Staff get a lot of YSS in-house training.

All YSS programs essentially operate the same way (same handbooks, policies, etc.) The director at this center is also the director at the two YSS program in Boone and Madrid licensed by this consultant and then other YSS programs not licensed by this consultant.

YSS programs have a Kids Club Coordinator and an Education Coordinator.

The playground is large and has a lot of options that children can choose from for activities. New rubber mulch surfacing and outdoor mats have been added within the past year.

There is a lot of storage space.

Enrollment remains steady.

There is more staff stability now and less turnover. The on-site supervisor has ties to the community.

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:

Because the center is located in a school and only serves school-age children, the center is exempt from environmental testing.

The center contracts with the school and uses a school bus and driver for field trips that are not within walking distance. Field trips are taken only during the summer months.

I-Power was discussed during the visit. It appears staff are uploading training into I - Power. Former employees should be unlinked from the program.

It was noted that one staff is within their 90 days of needing to have all initial training completed.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.