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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: St Francis of Assisi Kids Care

Provider No.: 46268

Address: 7075 Ashworth Rd, West Des Moines, IA, 50266

County: Polk

Director's Name: Jessica Riemenschneider

On-Site Supervisor: Rebecca Kliegl

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HHS Visit Date: 02/26/2026

Licensing Period: 04/01/2026 to 04/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/25/2025

Comments: West Des Moines Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years. The city of West Des Moines typically do annual inspections.

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	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Monday	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Tuesday	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Wednesday	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Thursday	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Friday	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Saturday	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM		

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	0	223	223
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing inspection was conducted on 2/26/26. The director was present throughout the inspection and the on-site supervisor for a portion of the inspection.

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.

Saint Francis of Assisi Kids Care is a child care program that was given permission to open under HHS (formerly known as DHS) supervision on 11/1/15. Prior to this date, the center was overseen by the Department of Education. This program serves school-age children who attend Saint Francis of Assisi School during the school year. During the summer months, there is open enrollment for all children (preschool - 12 years of age). The center uses the cafeteria, gym, music room, as well as the outdoor playground area. The music room has a capacity of 15 children and that is used sparingly. During the school year, hours are 7:00am - 8:00am and 3:20pm - 5:30pm. During the summer months and no school days, the center's hours are 7:00am - 5:30pm. The center uses their own learning curriculum.

The center is owned by Saint Francis of Assisi Church and overseen by a Board. The director of this program as of 1/19/24 is Jessica Riemenschneider. Jessica has an AA degree as well as past experience working in child care (including currently as the on-site supervisor of the preschool and wrap around program also located within the school). The on-site supervisor isRebecca Kliegl. Rebecca has a bachelor's degrees as well as past experience working in the child care/school setting.

During the inspection, some children were in the cafeteria and most of them were doing homework. Staff were interacting

with children and observed sanitizing toys and tables. Outside, other children were on the playground playing in the field turf areas and climbing structure areas. Staff were spaced out and interacting with children.

NUTRITION: The school provides breakfast and lunch to children year round. During the school year, the center provides the PM snack. All food storage was sufficient. Menus were CACFP credible.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The center contracts with Durham for a bus and driver. Field trips are taken mostly during the summer months. Children's emergency contacts and a first-aid kit are taken along for all field trips.

PLAYGROUND: The playground is fenced in and consists of a large field turf area and another area where there are climbing structures. Monthly playground inspections are being conducted.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The director is organized and has good internal and external support systems in place.

The center has a lot of storage space.

The director attends monthly meetings with other church/school personnel. The director also has roughly quarterly meetings with other directors of centers within the Diocese. Monthly meetings are held at the center.

The center has a good working relationship with other school personnel as well as other child care programs in the nearby community.

Staff use walkie-talkies to better communicate with each other and tracking children.

The director believes she has a good group of staff who work well together. There is a rewards/acknowledgement system in place including, but not limited to a shout out board, holiday gatherings, team building activities, etc. Several staff photos are posted.

The director believes she and her staff have a good working relationship with families they serve. Staff have a good understanding of their expectations the director has for them. The director stresses communication and has daily meetings/debriefings with her staff. The center also uses the electric app, Pro-Care, to even better communicate with each other and families they serve. Finally, the director sends out a monthly newsletter to parents.

Special child activities have been incorporated into the program such as yoga, science experiments, dancing, book club, themed crafts, etc.

The director partners with other businesses, colleges, and local high schools when looking for new staff.

Enrollment remains steady.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

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

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

N/A.

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

This program only cares for school-age children who attend this school so they are exempt from environmental testing (radon, boiler, carbon monoxide detectors). The preschool/wrap around component in the school still needs to conduct testing on these items.

I-Power was again discussed at the visit. All staff who work at this program should be linked to this program. Any staff no longer employed at the program should be unlinked. Mandatory Reporter as well as First-Aid/CPR will need to be manually uploaded into profiles. If staff have I - Power profiles and take professional development training that is approved in I - Power, the certificates/hours should automatically be uploaded. If approved trainings are not in I - power, then they will also need to be manually uploaded (college transcripts for courses related to child care, etc.).

It is recommended that outdoor playground mats be placed at the bottom of slides to help preserve the rubber mulch surfacing.

This consultant discussed with the director her oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance. The director stated she discusses these things daily/weekly/monthly with her staff and more formally during monthly all staff meetings. She stresses communication and teamwork among her staff.

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

Date: 02/27/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.