



Health and
Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Grinnell College Preschool

Provider No.: 18072

Address: 1022 Park St, Grinnell, IA, 50112

County: Poweshiek

Director's Name: Karen Veerhusen-Langerud

On-Site Supervisor:

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E-Mail: veerhuse@grinnell.edu

HHS Visit Date: 11/18/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/11/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- ☐ PTO
- ☒ Licensing Visit
- ☐ Drop In
- ☐ Administrative Change

License Type:

- ☒ Full
- ☐ Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- ☐ Accreditation

Program Duration:

- ☐ Year-Round
- ☒ School Year
- ☐ Summer Only



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HOURS:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>
Sunday			
Monday		8:00 AM to 3:30 PM	
Tuesday		8:30 AM to 3:30 PM	
Wednesday		8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	
Thursday		8:30 AM to 3:30 PM	
Friday		8:00 AM to 3:30 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- ☐ Infant(0-<24 Months)
- ☐ Toddler
- ☒ PreSchool
- ☐ School Age
- ☐ All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			25		25
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Grinnell College Preschool is a preschool program that has a dual purpose. The preschool is located in a single standing building that has a secured entrance. It provides a quality, early childhood program for children ages three through five. The preschool is also affiliated with the Grinnell College Psychology Department. The center serves as a lab setting for Grinnell College students studying psychology. Karen Veerhusen-Langerud has been the director and lead teacher since 1997. She has a Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education and a Masters degree in Special Education. Connie Molison has been a teacher at the preschool since 1995. College students volunteer during every session.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the preschool's entrance area. Children have cubbies in the entrance. The classroom schedules are posted. Lesson plans are available. The preschool has one classroom. There is also another room that is used for large motor play activities. The spacious classroom has many play and learning activity centers: art/painting, legos/lego table, dramatic play, reading, library, blocks, science, puzzles, light tables, felt boards, computer, math, manipulative toys, music.

Karen assisted with today's visit. There were two teachers working today. Two college students were also volunteering. Eight children were present for the afternoon class. Children were observed during child directed play and learning activities. Children were observed during child directed play and learning activities. Staff were actively engaged with the children throughout the visit.

The center's playground has fencing. There is one large climbing structure. There is pea gravel for surfacing material. There is concrete for riding toys. The center has complete monthly playground checks.



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Snacks are served during preschool sessions. Menus reflect CACFP requirements are followed.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center participates in IQ4K and has a Level 1 rating. Karen has been the director/lead teacher for many years. Additionally, Connie has been the assistant teacher for many years. The preschool benefits from their experience and leaderships. This preschool is very unique as children benefit from the additional support and instruction from the college students. The spacious classroom is well supplied with diverse, well developed interest centers.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

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 me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*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: 12/01/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing
Consultant

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