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

Name of Center: Solon Learning Academy LLC **Enrollment:** 153 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 41832

Street: 201 Prairie Rose LN **City:** Solon Iowa **Zip** 52333 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 201 Prairie Rose LN, Solon, IA, 52333

Director's Name: Kristen Struzynski/Emily Elsasser **Phone Number:** 319-624-5122

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kristin Donovan **E-Mail:** info@solonlearningacademy.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-28-2022

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 09-08-2021

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

Date Inspected: 06-16-2022

Comments : Does comply

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X 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	30	20	36	79	165
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2021 to 10-01-2023
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 01-02-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I arrived at Solon Learning Academy LLC their annual visit on 12/28/2022. The center is for profit. The center provides childcare to infants-school aged children. The center has 153 children enrolled. The center is open Monday-Friday 6:00am to 6:00pm.

The center is inside of a commercial building. The center uses six classrooms, two gyms, a kitchen and offices. The center's fire inspection was completed on 6/16/22.

The directors are Kristen Struzynski and Emily Elasser. Kristen has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education Specializing in Reading, Language Arts and Art. Kristen opened the center in 6/2013. Emily has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She also opened the center in 6/2013.

The on-site supervisor is Kristin Donovan. Kristin has an Associate's Degree and started with the center in 2/2014.

The center's curriculum is teacher created and based around weekly themes.

The center provides breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack.

The center does offer field trips. Examples include: apple orchard, fire station, pumpkin patch, parks, splash pads, zoo, Air Effects, PlayStation, movie theaters, Lost Island, museums, etc.

The areas observed included: classroom safety/activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observations, field trip/transportation practices, and file/policies/notebook review.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has Quality Rating Scale Level 3.
-The center has remodeled their outdoor play area.
-The center remodeled a gym to add new basketball hoops.
-The center has done an excellent job of maintaining staff. Many have worked at the center for four-six years.
-The center is clean, nicely decorated and welcoming to those who enter.

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

109.10(3)a: All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public.
-Inhalers and epipens must include a prescription label.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-In the school aged room a shelf needs secured to prevent tipping.
-Torn changing pads must be replaced.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.