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

Name of Center: McKinley Elementary Stepping Stones **Enrollment:** 30 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 20818

Street: 1716 Kenwood Ave **City:** Davenport Iowa **Zip** 52803 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 1002 W Kimberly Rd, Davenport, IA, 52806

Director's Name: Shaney Ford **Phone Number:** 563-528-0973

On-Site Supervisor(s): Alyssa Gordon **E-Mail:** steppingstones@davenportschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 01-06-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 02-17-2022

Comments : Room 303 is only approved for second through fifth grade children.

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: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				70	70
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2022 to 03-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 01-22-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 1/6/23. This program is owned and operated by the Davenport Community School District and is located in the McKinley Elementary School building. Shaney Ford is the center director for all of the Stepping Stones child care programs. Shaney was not present on site on the day of the visit. Alyssa Gordon is the on site supervisor for the program, and she was present along with another staff. This center serves school age children from this school only. The program operates on school days only.

The gymnasium and cafeteria are the primary licensed spaces for this center and are always available for the program. The center also has permission to use room 303 (maximum of 33 children) in the building but only for second through fifth grade children per the fire inspector. The center also uses the library. The center has been advised that the rooms will need to meet all licensing requirements before each use. The center uses tables set up in the cafeteria for activities. The center uses separated boys and girls restroom areas located in a hallway adjacent to the cafeteria. Additional hallway restrooms with multiple toilets and sinks are also available.

The center provides snack. Snack is prepared and supplied by the school cafeteria and left out or placed in the milk cooler where accessible for the program. The staff state there is no dish washing required by the program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center provides a needed service to the children and families from this school. The center has achieved a one star QRS rating through 7/31/23. The staff work well together and appear to know the children well. Staff did a good job of setting materials out at the tables for the children to engage in activities. The center typically provides several various enrichment programs throughout the week at each site utilizing various community organizations and agencies that are brought into the centers. These programs are provided at no extra charge to the families.

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

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
Fire and tornado drills were not documented for 1/2022 through 5/2022.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
1. Remove cart that includes items that are labeled to keep out of reach of children from the cafeteria area prior to the program starting.
2. Children observed with various items at the snack tables (cell phone, books). Snack activity shall be maintained sanitary along with children's hands needing to remain clean during this activity.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
Playground inspections were not documented for 2/2022 through 5/2022.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Center's storage area closet shall be kept closed to prevent children from accessing the area (various items stored here including staff personal items that shall not be accessible to the children).

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

*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.