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

Name of Center: Hinton Little Hawks Preschool and Daycare (age 4) **Enrollment:** 38 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 29683

Street: 315 W Grand ST **City:** Hinton Iowa **Zip** 51024 **County:** Plymouth

Mailing Address: 315 W Grand ST, Hinton, IA, 51024

Director's Name: Kathy Rhodes **Phone Number:** 712-947-4339

On-Site Supervisor(s): Stacy Boeve (stacy.boeve@hintonschool.com) **E-Mail:** kathy.rhodes@hintonschool.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-09-2023

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 04-05-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-08-2021

Comments :

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 X Preschool-Age 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			40		40
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2023 to 06-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 05-10-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A visit was made to the center on 05-09-23 and spoke with Stacy Boeve, On Site Supervisor. Ms Boeve has an associate's degree in childcare management and supervision and many years of experience working with children. Ms. Rhodes has an Elementary Ed degree and is licensed as PK-8 Principal, PK-12 Superintendent, and AEA Administrator with over 30 years of experience.

Hinton Little Hawks is located in two rooms of the Hinton elementary school. This is a program for four year olds. The program operates Monday through Friday 7am to 8:30 and 3:15pm to 6pm for extended childcare. Preschool hours are 8:30am to 3:15pm.The preschool uses the GOLD program and QPPS standards. The staff had great interaction with the children.

There are 38 children enrolled and present in the program. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by HHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center continue to clean toys that children use.

The Hinton elementary school provides the breakfast/lunch and snack which began with the 2021-2022 school year. Food is stored properly. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition meals. Menus were posted.

Center Health & Safety
The school nurse handles all medications for the center. Staff and children follow good hand washing procedures. First aid kit is sufficient
to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are recorded monthly. Good sanitary procedures are observed in the center. Fuel burning
inspection was complete. Radon tests were completed and within normal range. Center has a working carbon monoxide detector.

Center Playground
A fenced-in playground is located next to the preschool. The center updated their playground to add new climbing equipment, poured rubber surfacing, new turf, two shade structures and new outside toys. They also expanded the playground and added a new shed to house their outside toys. The playground has climbing equipment, slides, trikes, balls and a sandbox. The program is looking at adding another shade structure on the north end of the playground. Monthly playground inspection completed. The program had received grant monies to update the playground.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
Center uses school bus for field trips.

Goals of the center is to add another shade structure, get on IQ4K, and more quality staff.

Strengths of the center is they have a good relationship with their families, school, and community.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

1. Staff at the center are well educated and have an average of 13 years of experience.
2. Hinton Little Hawks participate in the federal food program
3. This program adheres to the QPPS standards for the Statewide Voluntary Preschool services.
4. Monthly newsletters are sent to parents.
5. Conferences with the parents twice a year to update them on their child's progress and needs.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 2

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 2
Number not in compliance for dental: 3
Information lacking: Information was either missing or outdated.

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 2

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please email consultant by 06-16-23 confirming that those items that fall below standards have been completed.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time. .

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.