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

Name of Center: Kids Connection-Holy Trinity School **Enrollment:** 45 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 34523

Street: 2922 Beaver Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50310 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2922 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50310

Director's Name: Jenith Burry **Phone Number:** 515-255-3162

On-Site Supervisor(s): Quentin Abraham **E-Mail:** jburry@htschool.org

Date(s) of Visit: 08-08-2025

X **Licensing Visit** X **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:** 07-26-2021

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

Date Inspected: 09-18-2024

Comments : Fire inspections are due at least every three years. Completed by FF Jacobson, Des Moines Fire Dept.

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 X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	0	0	58	75	133
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2025 to 09-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV **Date:** 08-12-2025

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced full licensing visit was completed 8-8-25. Director, Jennith Burry was present through the entire visit along with Assistant Director Quintin Abraham at times as well.

Holy Trinity offers school for pre-school through 8th grade students. Kids Connection offers child care for pre-school through school age. Kids Connection is located/operates from the Holy Trinity School. During the school year, there is a before and after school component in addition to wrap around care (referred to as extended learning) for preschool age children. There is full-day programming during the summer months. Children who attend Holy Trinity can attend this center.

During the summer months the hours of the program are 6:45 am to 5:30 pm. During the school year the hours of operation are 6:30 am to 5:45 pm.

The center is overseen by a Board. Jenith Burry is the director of this center and has been since 2006. Quentin Abraham is the on-site supervisor, beginning in this role in October of 2021. Quentin has several years experience in school-age licensed programs Both Jenith and Quentin meet the qualifications for their positions.

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.

Room Observations: The center uses a variety of different learning curriculum in their teachings and partners with Holy Trinity School and their voluntary preschool program teacher. The center uses the Brightwheel Application to communicate with parents. Construction on new HVAC was being completed in the pre-school areas expected to be completed in time for school to begin. The program was utilizing school classrooms for summer programming. Children were observed to be content; with staff actively supervising. The rooms offered a variety of centers and activities.

Nutrition Practices: The on-site kitchen is operated and maintained by the school. Dedicated school kitchen staff prepare meals that are served cafeteria-style in the lunchroom, which the center has access and the school maintains. The center does have designated storage areas in the school kitchen for snacks that center staff are serving to the children. The children have meals cafeteria style while staff are with them as well.

Health and Safety: Medication is stored and secured in the nurse's office of the school when school is in session. When summer session is on-going, medications are securely stored in the director's office; The director and on-site supervisor are medication administration certified and administer medications. . The center has available first aid kits in each classroom. Fire/Tornado emergency plans are posted in the classrooms and documented completed monthly. The HVAC system was undergoing renovation (in the pre-school area), completion expected soon. Radon testing had been completed in July of 2021, where all readings were noted to be less then the maximum safe level <4.0. Radon testing is due every five years after readings have verified levels are below 4.0. The center has carbon monoxide detectors in each hallway.

Playground: The playground has been renovated and offers natural shade along with new play structures and basketball hoops. The playground is partially fenced to keep areas separated.

Transportation/Field trips: there is not transportation provided during the school year; in the summer session there are field trips offered and the center contracts with Durham bussing for a bus that includes a professional bus driver.

Administrative Review: The center has posted information regarding Mandatory Reporter; handbook accessibility; consultant contact; license and non-smoking signs. Five staff files were reviewed that contained all necessary information; five child files were reviewed with one file missing an updated physical form.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has newly updated security cameras; along with parent key-cards that allow entry during programming hours.

The director and the on-site supervisor work well together and are very organized.

This center has attained Level I in IQ4K. Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) is Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) licensed Child Care Centers and preschools, registered Child Development Homes and programs operating under the authority of an accredited school district or nonpublic school.

The center has a strong working relationship with the school. The center communicates daily during the school year with teachers and the principal.

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

109.9(2)i: 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, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
-One child file was missing documentation updated physical information.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This center is completing an update to the HVAC system in the pre-school programming area. The director will notify licensing when the renovations have been completed.

The center last completed radon testing in July of 2021 and all rooms tested fell below the 4.0 cutoff. After testing indicates levels <4.0, testing then is completed every five years.

A new full two year license is recommended.

*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.