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

Name of Center: North Scott Child Care-Grissom **Enrollment:** 29 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 39521

Street: 500 Lost Grove Rd **City:** Princeton Iowa **Zip** 52768 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 500 Lost Grove Rd, Princeton, IA, 52768

Director's Name: Theresa Tobin **Phone Number:** 563-285-9710

On-Site Supervisor(s): Ashley Neilson **E-Mail:** theresa.tobin@north-scott.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 09-15-2023

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

Date Inspected: 01-29-2021

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.) 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		9	9	25	43
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2022 to 11-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 09-22-2023

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 9/15/23. Theresa Tobin is the center director. Theresa was present on the day of this visit along with other staff. Theresa is the center director for all three of the North Scott Child Care child care sites and has a B.A. degree in elementary education. The center is non-profit and is owned and operated by the North Scott Community School District. The center is governed by the school board and an advisory board. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program for the DHS licensed portion of the program, though this is offered through the school (not DHS licensed). Children who attend that program may attend the licensed child care program for child care services before and/or after preschool. The school age children who attend this program before and after school on school days are from this school only. Children from any location may attend this program on non school days.

The center uses room 24 and the gymnasium for child care. Room 24 and the gym are used by all of the children. Room 24 includes a centers type arrangement with sufficient amount of accessible materials to support program activities. Room 21 is used instead of room 21 for a short period of time during the summer when deep cleaning is being done on room 24. The director reports the center has some games and art supplies as well as balls for large motor play brought out on a cart or from a cabinet in the gym for school age care. Children have to travel for all hand washing and restroom activities. The girls' restroom area used for room 24 has a wall diaper station. Requirements for ratio, supervision including for restroom and hand washing activities (school age children included) have been reviewed with director considering the travel required for all of these activities. All program space was observed.

The center serves breakfast, snack, lunch, and snack. The center does participate in the CACFP. The center uses the school's staff kitchen/breakroom area (or another custodial space) for dish washing and occasionally for food preparation if the stove/oven is needed. Room 24 includes a refrigerator/freezer unit for the center's food storage as well as a microwave. Breakfast and snack are prepared on site. The school provides lunch to the program on school days. The lunches are prepared at the North Scott High School IDPH licensed kitchen and are brought to this school location by school personnel. All children are required to bring lunch from home on non-school days. The director states the center is careful to ensure non-school age children's lunches are monitored for CACFP requirements and substitutions are provided by the center. She stated the center does supply the milk for all lunches.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center director is an experienced and educated director as noted above. The staff work well together and are experienced having been with the program for at least several years. The program provides a needed resource for the school and surrounding area. The program room is bright with windows and decorated in colorful themes, and includes accessible materials. Materials appear generally organized and books are arranged by topic. Staff were observed to be highly engaged with children in activities at this visit. Room 24 includes Smartboard technology. The licensing binder and staff and child files were found to be organized.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade.
1. Rubber covering on the chain aspect of the climbing structure is cracked and presents a pinch hazard to the children. This was cited previously.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
1. No school age/afternoon activity planning observed.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ensure first aid kit label is replaced promptly.
2. Ensure staff wash hands immediately prior to food service activities and keep hands clean and/or rewash hands before returning to that activity.
3. Ensure required postings are made visible to parents during the summer when the children are relocated to room 21.
4. Storage box on the outdoor play area lid needs to be repaired so that it closes properly.

This 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.