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

Name of Center: Solon Learning Academy LLC **Enrollment:** 149 **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): N/A **E-Mail:** info@solonlearningacademy.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-09-2024

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:** 09-05-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-05-2022

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: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2023 to 10-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 08-09-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at SOLON LEARNING ACADEMY LLC - 41832 on 8/8/2024 for an annual visit. The fire inspection was completed on 6/16/2022. The center is for profit. The center serves infants to school aged children. The center is open year around. The hours of operation are 6:00am to 6:00pm. Their current enrollment is 149.

The director is Kristen Struzynski. She has a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She started 8/5/2013.

The assistant director is Emily Elsasser. She has a bachelor's degree in psychology. She started 8/5/2013.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center is located inside a commercial building. They have 6 classrooms and two gyms that are used for BASP and while they are gone can be utilized for the rest of the center. They have two playgrounds, one for 2's and under, the other for three-year-olds and up. On the playgrounds they have two main structures, with balance beams, funnel ball, shade areas/benches, four squares, hop scotch, turf area for football, full basketball court with one hoop on our older playground. On the toddler playground we have a rock climbing structure, picnic tables, small basketball hoop, tons of bikes/balls/trucks, and rocking horses/teeter totters.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed including handwashing, medication management, appropriate cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting, excluding ill children/staff, incident reports, and first aid kits.

Nutritional practices and food safety were observed. The center offers breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook including emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, HVAC testing and policies were reviewed. The center does communicate with parents via email.

The center's curriculum is teacher created focusing on weekly themes.

The center does offer field trips. Examples include: Wilson's Apple Orchard, Bloomsbury, Colony Pumpkin Patch, Bass Farms, Kroul Farms, Air FX, SkyZone, Defy, Coralville Children's Museum, The Fun Station, various parks, various splash pads, Movie Theaters, IC bowling, zoos, Lost Island, Ushers Ferry, Waterloo Tractor Museum, Dubuque River Museum, Wickiup Learning Hill, The Shell, and various pools for BASP.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center is clean and inviting to parents and guests.
-Teachers do a wonderful job of displaying their artwork in and outside of their classrooms.
-The center offers: Sports Torts. This is offered to three-year-old to five-year-old children. Sports Torts offers 5 different

sports sessions throughout the school year. Some of these sports include soccer, football, basketball, tennis, and t-ball. Another extra activity that was added this past year is a music class called "Music4Tots." This is offered once a week for children over the age of one.
-This coming year they are also starting a program that will take place one Tuesday per month through "Tanager." They are a non-profit group that will be coming in to do various activities with the children that include movement activities, music, visual arts, and drama.
-The center has done an excellent job of maintaining staff. The infant room teachers have been with the center since the center opened. The Pre-K teachers have been with the center for 7 years. Several toddler staff have been with the center for 5-6 years.
-The Before and After School Coordinator started 4 years ago. She started offering a variety of fun and new activities for the children. Each year she comes up with new places to go, that keep the kids interested in coming back to the center every summer.

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

109.8(2)e: Ratio in infant rooms is always maintained.
-Upon my arrival to the center the Toddler Room (Children are all one year old) had 2 staff and 10 children. One had left the room for 1-2 minutes. Infants are considered anyone under the age of 2 years. Ratio in this room is always maintained. They were over by 2 children.

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. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child's name.
-Ensure that an epipen is stored in original container with physician or pharmacist directions. (Preschool Room)

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Ensure that there are not choking hazards in the hallway. (Art supplies).
-Ensure that blinds do not have long cords accessible/toys do not have long strings accessible. Must be under 12 inches.

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. As a director, on-site supervisor, or child care staff it is vital that you know and understand all licensing standards and procedures. The licensing regulation checklist can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/71%20Licensing_Chklist_3940.pdf

This worker will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year. This worker encourages you to establish a working relationship with your local Child Care Resource Consultant (CCR&R) and your local Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) provides professional development and consultation services that support the child care business's ability to achieve and maintain regulatory status in good standing and work to achieve and maintain performance at higher quality levels in Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement. To find your center's CCR&R consultant visit: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/

Healthy Child Care Iowa is a statewide publicly funded program to improve the health and safety of children while they are enrolled in child care and early education settings. Child care nurse consultants are registered nurses who provide consultation, training, and technical assistance on health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. To find your center's CCNC consultant visit: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

*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.