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

Name of Center: Shimek BASP **Enrollment:** 37 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24258

Street: 1400 Grissel PL **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52245 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 1400 Grissel PL, Iowa City, IA, 52245

Director's Name: Elizabeth (Liz) Retikis **Phone Number:** 319-530-1413

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** shimekbasp@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-11-2024

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:** 01-10-2022

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

Date Inspected: 01-23-2024

Comments : Does comply.

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*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				95	95
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2024 to 02-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 04-15-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Shimek for an annual visit on 4/11/2024. The center provides before and after school care to school aged children. They currently have 37 children enrolled.
The center is located inside of Shimek Elementary School. The center uses the gym, cafeteria, and an office. The center is nonprofit. The fire inspection was completed on 3/15/2023.

The director is Elizabeth (Liz) Retikis. She has a bachelor's degree in Geology. She started in 9/2022.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides after school snacks. The school district provides breakfast. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center followed handwashing procedures. The center stored medications appropriately. The center has a full stocked first aid kit. The center practiced emergency drills as required.

The center's curriculum is staff created.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center had all required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center uses Brightwheel to help with communication.
-The center does offer a lot of child lead activities.
-The children have access to a wonderful outdoor play area.
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.
-The center is inside a new gymnasium.

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

109.10(3)b: For every day an authorization for medication is in effect and child is in attendance, there shall be a notation of administration including the name of medicine, date, time, dosage, given or applied, and the initials of the person administering the medication or the reason the medication was not given.
-The center needs permission forms for EpiPens and inhalers. The center is strongly encouraged to use the following forms for medication documentation: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/2876/download?inline=, https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/2855/download?inline= and https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/2872/download?inline=

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.

-Two janitor closets had the doors opened and unlocked. This is a huge liability for the school and BASP Program. This allowed the children to have access to cleaning supplies and the custodian's personal belongings. These closets must be locked at all times.

The Iowa City School District has chosen to use the following sanitizer/disinfectant: Hillyard, Arsenal® Sanitizer, Arsenal® One Dispenser 2.5 Liter Bottle. Label states, "PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS – HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS. DANGER Corrosive. Causes irreversible eye damage and skin burns. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear protective eyewear (goggles, face shield, or safety glasses), protective clothing and protective (rubber or chemical resistant) gloves. Harmful if swallowed or if absorbed through the skin." Hillyard, Arsenal® Q.T.® Plus Disinfectant Cleaner, Arsenal® One Dispenser 2.5 Liter Bottle. Label states, "PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS – HAZARDS TO HUMANS AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS. DANGER Corrosive. Causes irreversible eye damage and skin burns. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Wear protective eyewear (goggles, face shield, or safety glasses), protective clothing and protective (rubber or chemical resistant) gloves. Harmful if swallowed or if absorbed through the skin."

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.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.