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

Name of Center: Cadence Academy Preschool - Iowa City **Enrollment:** 83 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24244

Street: 325 S Dubuque St **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52240 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 325 S Dubuque ST, Iowa City, IA, 52240

Director's Name: Jean Grauer **Phone Number:** 319-621-7349

On-Site Supervisor(s): Molly DeWolf Onsite: Rachel Courter **E-Mail:** director.iowacity@cadence-academy.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-27-2024

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:** 06-16-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-17-2024

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 X NAEYC NSACA Other NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 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*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	48	22	44		114
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2023 to 07-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 12-28-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Cadence Academy Preschool - Iowa City - 24244 on 12/27/24 for an annual visit. The fire inspection was completed on 10/17/24. The center is for profit. The center serves children six weeks to five years. The center is open year around. The hours of operation are 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Their current enrollment is 83.

The director is Jean Grauer. Jean has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She has been with Cadence since 10/2006.

The assistant director is Molly DeWolf. Molly has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Associate's Early Childhood Development. She has been with Cadence since 8/2019

The on-site supervisor is Rachel Courter. Rachel has a Bachelor's degree Gender/Women/Sexuality. She has been with the center since 9/2018.

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 in a commercial building, church, school, etc. The center has eight classrooms.

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 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: Kaymbu app, SchoolCare Works, emails, and conversations. The center’s curriculum is teacher created utilizing: The Ascend Curriculum.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has NAEYC Accreditation.
-The center uses Ascend Curriculum. The Ascend Curriculum combines skill-based learning across 9 different learning domains, including literacy, math, science, physical fitness, creative expression, social-emotional development, cultural understanding, technology and language.
-The center uses Kaymbu for open parent communication.
-The center works with Area Education Agency.
-Child and staff files were in full compliance.
-Staff did an excellent job of being at the children's level.

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

109.11(3) The center shall ensure that the facility and premises are sanitary, safe and hazard-free.
-The break room needs to remain locked when staff are not in it. Cleaning supplies and energy drinks were accessible to the children.
-Choking hazards must be stored inaccessible to children under the age of three years.
-Sinks occasionally do not produce enough water for sufficient hand washing. The plumbing also has produced an odor coming out of the sinks.
-Rugs are found to be soiled and curling. They need to be replaced.
-Floor tiles throughout the center that are cracked need to be replaced.
-The playground fall surfacing must be evaluated and possibly redone. Tiles are uneven creating tripping hazards.

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.