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

Name of Center: La Petite Academy **Enrollment:** 104 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24278

Street: 1504 Mall DR **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52240 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 1504 Mall DR, Iowa City, IA, 52240

Director's Name: Julie Reid **Phone Number:** 319-338-4513

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** 7263@lapetite.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-06-2024

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:** 06-17-2024

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

Date Inspected: 04-16-2024

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: X Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other 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	24	21	42	15	102
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2024 to 07-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 08-26-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at LA PETITE ACADEMY – 24278 on 8/6/2024 for an annual visit. The fire inspection was completed on 4/18/2023. The center is for profit. The center serves infants to school aged children. The center is open year around. The hours of operation are 7:00am to 6:00pm. Their current enrollment is 104.

The director is Julie Reid. Julie has a Child Care Development Specialists Certificate and 46 hours towards a bachelor's degree in early childhood education at Hawkeye Community College. Julie has worked in child care since 2010.

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 in a commercial building. The center has 6 classrooms. The center's playground includes climbing structures, slides, balls, sensory tables, push toys, and it has shade structures.
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: Sprout About.

The center's curriculum is Education Quality Indicator. The five key EQIs are: Purposeful Routines, Learning Environment, Child/Adult Interactions, Language Rich and Evidence of Learning.

The center does offer field trips. Examples include library, Hall of Fame, splash pads, and museums.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has National Early Childhood Program Accreditation.
-The center uses the Sprout About App. This allows parents/guardians the opportunity to log in and view live footage of their children, surveys, communication, and pictures.
-The center's curriculum has been updated to Education Quality Indicator. The five key EQIs are: Purposeful Routines, Learning Environment, Child/Adult Interactions, Language Rich and Evidence of Learning.
-Classrooms are clean and well organized.
-The center staff do 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 facility and premises are sanitary, safe and hazard-free

-The center must obtain some additional storage space. It is not sanitary for materials to be stored in the restroom unless they are being used for toileting.
-Choking hazards were accessible to children under the age of three years.
-The playground needs additional fall surfacing. A wood rail had nails sticking out of it and must be repaired.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is encouraged to review the new medicine forms/action plans. These are available at: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

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.