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

Name of Center: KinderCare Learning Center #0837 **Enrollment:** 119 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 20740

Street: 2108 E Locust ST **City:** Davenport Iowa **Zip** 52803 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 2108 E Locust ST, Davenport, IA, 52803

Director's Name: Emma Anderson **Phone Number:** 563-326-1660

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** 300837@klcorp.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-07-2025

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:** 01-07-2025

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

Date Inspected: 06-20-2024

Comments :

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 X 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	40	12	43	28	123
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2025 to 03-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 03-27-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 2/7/25. The center director, Emma Anderson, was present along with other staff. Prior to directing this center, Emma previously worked at another KinderCare location for a number of years and is qualified with experience, education, and training. This KinderCare Learning Center is part of a larger corporation. There is a well-defined corporate organizational structure. This center serves children age six weeks to 12 years and does provide before and after school and non-school day care for school age children. Emma accompanied the licensing consultant through some of the visit. This center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

This center operates in a building with a main and lower level, having nine separate program rooms/areas total. The center has the following program rooms on the main floor: Nursery/infant A (six weeks to six months), infant B (six to 12 months), toddler A (12 through 18 months), toddler B (18 months to two years), 2s Room (two to three years). The configuration of the rooms continues to be the same as the previous year's visit. The center has the following program rooms on the lower level: Prek (four/five years), preschool (twos/threes, center reminded that four year old children may not be grouped with two year old children), school age/transitional kindergarten (tk) (five years and older), and "indoor rec space" (maximum of 12 children, not included in license capacity). It is noted that the "indoor rec space" removes some of the capacity of the school age/tk room which is now a combined room. The center director states that the children on the lower level combine in the rec space area after 5pm. Program rooms were bright and many were decorated with various projects the children had created. In many areas this also included photo displays of the children themselves engaged in the various activities. Rooms were arranged with various learning and interest centers. Rooms were adequately stocked with mostly age appropriate furniture and accessible materials. Program rooms either included a hand washing sink within the program room and/or adjacent restroom areas. Toddler A and twos rooms share a connecting restroom area. Infant B and toddler B also share a connecting restroom area that is used for hand washing only. The preschool room includes a diaper station within the room nearby to the restroom area for hand washing. All program space was observed.

This center serves breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack all prepared on site in the center kitchen. The center does participate in the CACFP.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is NAEYC accredited through 6/1/27. The center director has a CDA. The center director reports that the corporation continues to offer to pay for staff to obtain their CDA and also offers to pay partial tuition for staff seeking higher education in the field. The center participates in the TEACH program. The center director states the center received grant money for participating in the PBIS program and has purchased some new classroom items and furnishings. Staff and child files and other required licensing documentation were found to be organized. The center does appear to be using a tracking system for staff and child file compliance.

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

109.10(8): Children's hand washing: Center shall ensure staff assist children in personal hygiene. Children's hands shall be washed: Immediately before eating or participating in food service activity.
1. Children did not wash hands prior to lunch as observed in the toddler B room.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
1. Kitchen area continues not to be sanitary. Mouse droppings observed throughout the area including inside of drawers and cabinets.
Cabinets/drawers/floor surfaces are sticky to the touch, insides of drawers that include food service items are visibly dirty, countertop surfaces used for food service activities were observed to be cluttered with various other materials in the food preparation area, and flooring needs to be cleaner. This has been cited previously. The center director states that pest control has visited subsequent the visit and determined there are no current pest issues. The center director states the kitchen has been thoroughly cleaned (provided pictures of insides of some drawers and cabinets) and has suggested possible pending upgrades to the area.
2. General sanitation of the center continues to need improvement. Areas appear visibly unkempt and soiled including floors, carpets/rugs, and various clutter. The center may need to consider areas needing upgrade such as flooring, restroom fixtures, etc. given the age and years of use of the building itself.
3. Restroom areas need more attention in cleaning and sanitation. Various items observed on the floors in some restroom areas (toys, cup, etc.), suggesting also that there are concerns for supervision of restroom activity. Several paper towel dispensers were observed to be empty at the time of the visit including in restroom areas.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure they are in compliance.

1. Stool is needed for children to reach hand washing sink in the two year old room.
2. Ensure children are visible to staff in the two year old room while staff are at the hand washing sink and/or restroom area with children. Tables may need to be moved to accomplish this especially during food service activities.
3. Ensure staff remain at the tables with children during food service activities.
4. Monitor and address the humidity of the lower level. A moldy smell was noted during the visit, and this has been a concern in this building in the past.

The center will continue with a full license, however, additional attention is needed to the general cleanliness and sanitation of the building. Since this has been noted previously, the center is being referred to work with their CCRR consultant for further assistance and follow up. 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.