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

Name of Center: Boone Extended Preschool **Enrollment:** 23 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50146

Street: 1805 Hancock DR **City:** Boone Iowa **Zip** 50036 **County:** Boone

Mailing Address: 1805 Hancock DR, Boone, IA, 50036

Director's Name: Autumn Seiler **Phone Number:** 515-433-0800

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jennifer Graham **E-Mail:** aseiler@boone.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 11-16-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-21-2023

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

Date Inspected: 08-14-2023

Comments : Boone Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years for licensing.

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 X Preschool-Age 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	0	0	26	0	26
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 11-16-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 11/16/23. The on-site supervisor was present throughout the visit. The director was present for a portion of the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Boone Extended Preschool - is a program that was given permission to open on 8/28/18 under HHS (formerly known as DHS) licensing. The center moved into the brand new Ledges Elementary School in 8/2023. The center serves four and five year old children year-round. The center utilizes the Creative Learning Curriculum with children. The center utilizes one classroom, but also has access to the indoor gym at times. Children attendance can vary from 6:45am - 8:00am, and/or 8:00 - 11:00am, and/or 11:00am - 5:30pm every day except Wednesdays when there is full programming from 6:45am - 5:30pm.

The center is overseen by a Board. The center director is Autumn Seiler. Autumn is also the principal of the school. Autumn has a BA degree in childhood related subjects as well as her Master's degree in Education - Administration. Autumn has worked in the school setting for a number of years. The on-site supervisor at this location is Jennifer Graham. Jennifer has an AA degree and has past experience working in child care.

During the visit, children were observed engaged in a large group activities facilitated by staff. This included story time and using the Smart Board. Later, new children arriving for the day were observed washing their hands. Staff were spaced out and engaged with children and assisting children with any needs.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Enrollment remains steady.

Good child activities and interactions with staff were again observed during the visit.

The center has a good working relationship with other school personnel.

Parents are encouraged to participate in their child's programming at the center. The program uses the online application, Remind App, to communicate and share information with parents of children enrolled. The on-site supervisor also sends out a weekly newsletter to parents.

Educational and developmental assessments are conducted on children throughout the year.

Monthly staff meetings are held.

The on-site supervisor is organized.

The on-site supervisor believes her staff work well with each other and that staff have a good rapport with the families they serve.

The center has relocated to a brand new school building and classroom this year.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade.
The bolts along the playground fence and gate will need to be cut and capped so that no more than two threads are showing.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.
Jelly is not considered a credible food item for one of the day's snack items listed. Another credible food item (such as milk as discussed during the visit) will need to be also served.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center moved into their new classroom and building in 8/2023. They have one year from this date to conduct radon testing. It is recommended this be completed either Thanksgiving weekend 2023 or over Memorial weekend 2024. If levels come back below the 4.0 cutoff, the center can move to testing every five years. If 4.0 or higher, the center will have to retest, possibly get with a radon mitigation specialist to get levels below 4.0, and then at least temporarily stay on an every two year testing plan.

The boiler was last inspected on 6/8/23.

For transportation/field trips, the center takes a school bus and bus driver if/when field trips are taken. The center will also bring in presenters from time to time for children.

I - Power and IQ4K were again discussed at the visit. All staff need to have I - Power profiles.

Brightwheel and Playground were discussed at the visit.

The most current monthly playground checklist and a new Mandatory Reporter posting were emailed to the center after the visit concluded.

At least one hand washing sign will need to be posted at the sinks in the commons area.

It was noted that one child file was within the 30 day grace period for needing an updated physical.

*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.