Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell-Shuler Elementary

Provider No.: 44016

Address: 16400 Douglas PKWY, Clive, IA, 50325

County: Polk

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes and Rich Miller

On-Site Supervisor: Doris Steele

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HHS Visit Date: 11/18/2025

Licensing Period: 01/01/2025 to 01/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/19/2025

Comments: Clive Fire Marshal. Per state licensing regulations, Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	0	245	245
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 11/18/25. The on-site supervisor was present throughout 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.

Beyond the Bell - Shuler Elementary is a school-age program located within the Shuler Elementary School in Clive, IA. The center uses the cafeteria and the gym as well as the outdoor playground space. The program was supervised by the Department of Education and was given permission to open under HHS (formerly known as DHS) licensing on 9/2/14. During the school year, children who attend this school attend this Beyond the Bell program. However, during summer months, there is open enrollment. Hours are 6:30am - 6:00pm during the summer months and no-school days. During the school year, children attend 6:30am - 8:40am and/or 3:40pm - 6:00pm.
There are early out days monthly as well. The program is one of several Beyond the Bell programs and they all use a similar learning curriculum based off of other learning curriculums.

All of the Beyond the Bell programs are overseen by a Board. The directors of this program and the other Beyond the Bell programs are Andrea Wilmes and Rich Miller. Andrea is also the director at the three Wee Care programs in Waukee as well as the Vince Meyer program also located in Waukee. Both individuals meet the requirements for director. The on-site supervisor at this location is Doris Steele. Doris has an AA degree and has worked at Beyond the Bell for 10 plus years.

During the visit, all children and staff were initially in the cafeteria and engaged in free-choice play (children with staff

walking around interacting with children). Several groups of children were observed playing UNO. Some children were playing with dramatic play and manipulative toys. Later, the children were divided in half with some eating breakfast and others going to the gym to play large motor games. Ratios were being followed. Toys and other equipment are being cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected daily. Children gave specific answers as to where they go for monthly fire and tornado drills.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Staff use walkie-talkies to communicate with each other throughout the center.

A good system is in place for gathering attendance when school dismisses and children arrive at the program. A good system is also in place to coordinate and schedule gym time and cafeteria time.

All of the Beyond the Bell programs have information posted online through the Waukee School District Website.

Staff photos are posted by one of the main parent boards.

Monthly staff meetings are held. Directors from this program meet with other western-suburb, school-age programs quarterly for meetings. Finally, BTB on-site supervisors meet monthly for meetings.

Staff from BTB programs are interchangeable between sites as needed.

Good child/staff interactions were observed.

The wall between the gym and the cafeteria can be opened which allows for better supervision of children.

The on-site supervisor continues to believe that a strength of the center remains, in her opinion, the communication between staff and parents. The on-site supervisor also added that her staff work well with each other.

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

All of the BTB programs now have behavioral and curriculum specialists.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

No below standards were identified at this year's inspection. One water bottle was relabeled during the inspection.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

N/A. No below standards were identified at this year's inspection. One water bottle was relabeled during the inspection.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they are located within the school and only serve school-age children.

The center contracts with the school for busing for field trips.

Nutrition: During the school year, children can have breakfast if they have money in their school accounts. This is provided by the school. The center serves PM snack to children daily. During the summer months and No School Days, the center provides the AM snack and PM snack and children are responsible for bringing in their own lunches. Food storage was sufficient. CACFP guidelines are being followed as required.

I-Power was discussed at the visit. Staff should continue to be uploading training certificates.

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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