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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: KID STATION AT HERITAGE

Provider No.: 49085

Address: 500 NE Beaverbrooke Blvd, Grimes, IA, 50111

County: Polk

Director's Name: Kathi Fox

On-Site Supervisor: N/A

Phone Number: 5157786118

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HHS Visit Date: 12/02/2025

Licensing Period: 01/01/2026 to 01/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 07/20/2023

Comments: Grimes/Johnston Fire Marshal. Per licensing, inspections are due at least every three years. One will be due again by the end of 7/2026 if one has not already been completed.

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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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	120	120
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing inspection was conducted on 12/2/25. The director 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 (not up close due to the large amount of snow cover on the playground), field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Kid Station at Heritage is a school-age center located in the Heritage Elementary School in Grimes, IA. The center was given permission to open under HHS (formerly known as DHS) supervision on 8/23/17. The center serves school-age children who attend this elementary school and the other two elementary schools in Grimes. There is a before school component that runs 6:30am - 7:45am and an after school component that runs 3:15pm - 6:00pm. There are also several early out days throughout the school year and programming on those days starts at 1:00pm. During the summer and no school days, the center is open 6:30am - 6:00pm. The center primarily uses the cafeteria and outdoor playground area, but they also have access to the gym on certain days.

The center is overseen by a Board. The center director as of 6/2023 is Kathi Fox. Kathi has worked in the school system and child care system for a number of years. Kathi was also previously the on-site supervisor at this location. The center does not currently have an on-site supervisor. The business manager of the center is Jill Bejarno and Zach Johnson.

During the visit, children were divided up between the gym and the cafeteria. In the gym, children were observed engaged in large motor activities. Staff were spaced out and interacting with children. In the cafeteria, children were spaced out among the tables and chairs and engaged in free-choice play. Children were observed playing cards, watching educational videos, playing with blocks, drawing and coloring, and visiting with each other.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The center generally contracts with the school district to take a school bus on field trips. Field trips are only taken during the summer months.

NUTRITION: During the school year, the center provides the PM snack. The school provides breakfast. During the summer months and No School Days, the center provides the AM snack and PM snack and children are responsible for bring in their own lunches. The center will store food as needed.

There are currently 92 children enrolled at the center.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

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The director is organized.

The center has a business manager.

Monthly staff meetings are held. Management buys food for staff to eat during these meetings. A staff recognition program is utilized for recognizing good work done by staff. Management also puts on employee gatherings for staff a couple of times throughout the year

Monthly Board meetings are held.

Good staff and child interactions and redirection were observed and overheard.

The director stated staff continue to work well together. Staff enjoy their job duties and enjoy working with children.

Parents are actively kept informed of programming/communication. Brightwheel is used for additional communication with parents.

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

Enrollment is steady.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

Two staff members did not have all of their initial training in their files. Mandatory Reporter and First-Aid/CPR were missing.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Because the center is located in a school building and only serves school-age children, they are exempt from environmental testing.

I - Power was discussed at the visit. It appears all or the majority of staff have I - Power profiles. However, as stated last year, staff training certificates need to be uploaded into I - Power profiles.

Copies of monthly food menus should be kept on file throughout the year as discussed at the visit.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended. The application and payment was sent at our around 11/10/25 per the director.

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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