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

Name of Center: Hinton Little Hawks Preschool and Daycare **Enrollment:** 34 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 29683

Street: 315 W Grand ST **City:** Hinton Iowa **Zip** 51024 **County:** Plymouth

Mailing Address: 315 W Grand ST, Hinton, IA, 51024

Director's Name: Stacy Boeve **Phone Number:** 712-947-4327

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** stacy.boeve@hintonschool.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-15-2025

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:** 04-15-2025

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

Date Inspected: 10-08-2021

Comments :

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			64		64
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2025 to 06-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer **Date:** 05-23-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 05/15/25 this worker completed an unannounced visit to the Hinton Little Hawks Program. I spoke with Ms. Boeve who is the director. She has an associate's degree in childcare management and supervision and many years of experience working with children

Hinton Little Hawks is a center that has 3- and 4-year-olds. They utilize three rooms in the Hinton elementary school. The program operates Monday through Friday 7am to 8:30 and 3:15pm to 6pm for extended childcare. Preschool hours are 8:30am to 3:15pm.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The Hinton elementary school provides breakfast/lunch and snacks. Food is stored properly. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutritional meals. Menus were posted.

The school nurse handles all medications for the center.

The preschool uses the GOLD program and QPPS standards. Each room had great centers and a division of the rooms. There is a Bee room which uses many visual aids and other activities to support the theme "I can be" anything. "I BElong here."! They have very creative lessons that include many sensory centers. There is a small tree house to read and play in. Another room has the theme "I can". They use this language through their visual aids and schedules. They use inquisitive statements to engage students. There is a question of the day for students to answer. Children are very engaged in each room and are excited about learning. They include family by displaying pictures of family and pets. They do a Holiday program for parents. All the rooms have displayed the alphabet, colors, schedules, the children's artwork and many other learning tools.

They use PBIS for discipline.

Staff and children follow good hand washing procedures. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are recorded monthly. Good sanitary procedures are observed in the center. They have a schedule for cleaning with a sign of sheet. Fuel burning inspection was complete. Radon tests were completed and within normal range. The center has a working carbon monoxide detector.

A fenced-in playground is located next to the preschool. The center updated the playground and nice climbing equipment, poured rubber surfacing, turf, two shade structures and well cared for outside toys. The playground has climbing equipment, slides, trikes, balls and a sandbox. They have a nice riding track for trikes. Monthly playground inspection completed Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips Center uses school bus for field trips.

Goals continue to be obtaining IQ4K certification.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center has long term staff who make learning fun.

They have great room arrangements that allow for many different types of learning and activities.

The center has a separate entrance to the school.

This center has a positive learning atmosphere with a lot of praise given to students.

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

109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.

There were several staff files that did not have their SING record check updated.

Ms. Boeve has made this correction and has sent this consultant this paperwork.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.