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

Name of Center: Mater Dei's Little Saints **Enrollment:** 59 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30119

Street: 1312 Morningside Ave **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 1312 Morningside Ave, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Melissa Tiedtke **Phone Number:** 712-276-1647

On-Site Supervisor(s): Emily Torgesen **E-Mail:** MDP.littlesaints@materdeisc.org

Date(s) of Visit: 01-14-2025

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 01-24-2025

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

Date Inspected: 09-18-2024

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.) 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*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General		16	33	50	99
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2025 to 02-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 01-27-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Mater Dei Daycare on 01-14-25 and spoke Melissa Tiedtke, director. Ms Tiedtke has twenty eight years of experience working with children. Yellow Brick Road Preschool/Childcare is located in a two story building with a fenced-in playground adjacent to the building. There are two rooms(an upper level and lower level) in the center. The center operates Monday through Friday 6:45am to 5:45pm. The program serves children ages two to school age. The center also utilizes the Mater Dei school building across the street from the center from 3:30 to 4:45pm each day right after school for the school agers. The program utilizes the gym and the art room at the school. If there are any school age children left after 4:45pm then they bring them over to the main building at the end of the day. The school agers have an early out on Mondays at 2:15pm. They also use the school during the summer as well if needed. The front doors are locked and Mater Dei staff let people into the building. The program operates M-F 7:00am to 5:30am during the summer. The program follows Mater Dei for any inclement weather. The center had changed their name from Yellow Brick Road Daycare to Mater Dei Daycare on 07-15-22 to show that they are affiliated with Mater Dei Church and school.

There are 59 children enrolled in the program, 40 are school agers and preschoolers who are apart of the PI program, and 19 are childcare. At the time of the visit there were 15 children present as the rest were in school or out sick. The center continues in cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, children's artwork and the alphabet. The center utilizes Creative Curriculum. The center follows the Mater Dei school for weather related closures. The program is on the IQ4K level 1 out of 5.

The center has been updating their facility with the grants. This year they are looking at resurfacing some ashphalt on the playground and updating their kitchen cabinets. This year the program had added a new water/bottle fountain and a basketball hoop on the playground. The program is using the Bright Wheel app to help with administration things, communication with parents, and payments.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
Food is prepared onsite in a kitchen that is not accessible to the children. Refrigerator is kept at the appropriate temperature. Breakfast cereal is stored in plastic containers. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition, but is not currently on the food program. Menus were posted.

Center Health & Safety
Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire and tornado drills need to be documented monthly. Radon test exceeds the normal standards and need to be redone. Annual heating inspection is completed. The center continues to have a gal to come into the center nightly to ensure that the center meets sanitary conditions. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. The program have mats that the children sleep on covered, however, some of them had tears in them and need to be replaced.

Center Playground

The center is one big playground with a riding and basketball area, and an area for climibing structure. The playground climbing equipment, that has slides, climbing equipment, shade structure. Surfacing around the equipment is turf. Monthly playground inspection were documented. Shade is available on the playground.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The center does not transport the children. If the center goes on a field trip they either walk or will take a city bus for the outing.

Center is continuing to update their facility. The board has designated an individual who the director can work with on getting the improvements completed.

Goals for the center is to get more staff, update kitchen with new shelving, resurface part of the riding toy area on the playground, additional shade structure to go over the climbing structure, new kitchen stove, and update some toilets.

Melissa feels the strengths of her program are that she has a good core of staff who are dedicated to the center; which they try and make program a home atmosphere. Staff have completed PBIS training. Director has completed the NAC program. They have a good relationship with the children and their families. .

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center has staff who have been with the center for several years.

Staff have good relationship with the children and their families.

Center has a Bright Wheel app to help communicate with parents of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

Good room arrangement.

Positive interaction with the children.

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

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 4

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 3

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please email licensing consultant by 02-22-25 confirming aspects that fall below licensing standards have been corrected.

A full license will remain in effect 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.