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

Name of Center: WEE Care at Prairieview **Enrollment:** 20 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28408

Street: 655 SE University Ave **City:** Waukee Iowa **Zip** 50263 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 560 SE University Ave, Waukee, IA, 50263

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes **Phone Number:** 515-987-5161

On-Site Supervisor(s): Tyler Cervantes - Sporleder **E-Mail:** awilmes@waukeeschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-21-2024

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:** 10-08-2024

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

Date Inspected: 10-01-2024

Comments : Waukee Fire Marshal. Licensing requires these inspections to be completed at least every three years. The Waukee Fire Marshal typically do these inspections annually or semi-annually.

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: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	6	7	16	0	29
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2024 to 12-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 10-21-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 10/21/24 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.

Wee Care at Prairieview (formerly known as Wee Warriors) is a child care center located in the Prairie View School in Waukee. The center is a small center and serves children aged six weeks old through five years in age in three different classrooms. The center serves children whose parents are employees of the Waukee School District. The center only operates during the school year. The center utilizes the Creative Learning Curriculum and is overseen by a Board. The center director is Andrea Wilmes. Andrea has been with the center since 2004. Andrea has her BA degree in Human Services and has been involved in child care since 1989.Tyler Cervantes - Sporleder is the on-site supervisor at this location as of 9/2022. Tyler has past experience working in child care as well as professional development training to meet the requirements for the position.

During the visit, children were observed eating the AM snack in the three-five year old classroom and the infant classroom. Children in the two year old classroom were involved in free-choice play at the different learning stations available to them. The three-five year old children stated they washed their hands before sitting down for snack at the child-size tables and chairs. These children also gave specific answers when questioned by this consultant on where they go for fire and tornado drills. Staff in the infant classroom stated children washed their hands before sitting down. Staff were engaged with children and their activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center sends out a monthly newsletter to parents. Communication between staff and parents is highly stressed.

Monthly staff meetings are held.

The center has their own website where additional and more specific information about the center can be found.

Staff pictures are posted by the main parent board.

The center participates in the "Catch" program which focuses on healthy eating and physical activity for children. The center is also part of the 5-2-1-0 Healthy State program.

The center utilizes their nurse consultant and CCR&R as needed.

There is a secure entrance into the preschool main area.

The center has access to the school nurse if needed. The center also has a good working relationship with other school personnel.

The center has two large storage closets.

Meals are reviewed by the nutrition department through the Waukee School District.

Daily sheets are completed on an electronic app (Brightwheel) were parents can check in on their child at any time.

The center has a monthly developmental assessment they complete for children (Ages and Stages).

Enrollment remains steady.

The on-site supervisor stated he felt he had a good group of staff working at the program. There are several tenured staff and a couple of new staff at this location.

Staff and children files were nicely organized.

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. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
1. The bolts along the playground fence still need to be cut/capped so that no more than two threads are showing. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.
2. There was an issue with a dangling cord in the two year old classroom. This should be more securely attached to the wall.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last tested 9/3/21 - 9/7/21. Radon levels in the classrooms came back below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The annual boiler inspection on file expires on 11/30/24. The center should always be given a copy of boiler inspections to keep on file for licensing requirements.

The center contacts with the school district for field trips. However, field trips are not currently being taken. The center will bring in different agencies for presentations to the children.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. Staff appear to be uploading their training certificates into I - Power.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.