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

Name of Center: Beyond The Bell-Spalding Park Elementary **Enrollment:** 41 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 39439

Street: 4101 Stone AVE **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: PO Box 2129, Sioux City, IA, 51104

Director's Name: Jenna Andrews **Phone Number:** 712-277-3600

On-Site Supervisor(s): Veronica Ramirez **E-Mail:** jandrews@siouxlandship.org

Date(s) of Visit: 11-29-2023

Licensing Visit **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-20-2022

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

Date Inspected: 07-28-2023

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 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				200	200
Summer				250	250

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2022 to 12-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 12-07-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 11-29-23 and spoke with Grace Buffington lead worker as onsite supervisor Veronica Ramirez was not present. Ms. Rameriz has several years of experience working with children and is onsite supervisor for a couple other Beyond the Bell sites. Beyond the Bell Spalding is a before/after school program located in Spalding elementary school. The program utilizes the gym and lunch room. The program is operated by the Beyond the Bell organization Monday through Friday 6:30am to 8:30am; & 2:30pm to 6:00pm on Mondays and 3:30pm to 6:00pm Tuesday thru Fridays . The program serves preschool and school age children. There is a buzzer outside the building to get into the school and the Beyond the Bell program. Staff meet people at the door to gain access to the program.

There are 41 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 15 children present. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center continues in cleaning toys that children use. The after school program provides various group activities as well as individual self-directed activities for the children. Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities was posted. All areas of the program were observed. The 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 program started using the Playground App to assist in administration requirements.

The center uses the gym or the lunch room. The program divides the children up into groups based on what grade they are in and take attendance before starting any activities (2nd-5th grade) and (pre-K to 1st grade). The program has centers stored in totes in their storage area and set up different ones each day at tables throughout the lunchroom. The program has following activities/centers that they children can utilize: art, toys, iron beads (art project), homework table, and legos. Group activities as well as individual self-directed activities are available to the children. Children have access to bathrooms. Sufficient amount of equipment and toys for the children. The program needs to make sure children's personal belongs are not thrown in a pile but separated for health reasons.

The school system provides breakfast, snacks and milk. Program follows CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children, however the program has no one that is in need of medication. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills need to be documented each month. Children's personal items/coats need to be separated from each other. Furnace inspection was not available at the time of the visit. Radon inspection completed and in normal range. The center has a large fenced-in playground that they share with Spalding elementary school. Playground has climbing equipment and slides. Rubber cushioning surround the play equipment. Playground inspection is completed. Shade is available on the playground. They also utilize the large gym when they can't go outside.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
When doing field trips they would utilize a school bus. However, they have not done any field trips.

Staff files were not viewed at the time of the visit as they are located at the main office and will be viewed at a later date.

Goals of the program are to have work on more structure and activities for the kids. Also to work with children on respect and behaviors.

Strengths of the program is that the has a good relationship with the kids and their families.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Main office sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Center sets up homework tables and encourages the children to complete their homework.

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. 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.
Children's personal items need to be separated and not all in a pile.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Program will email consultant no later than 12-30-23 confirming that all aspects below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended 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.