Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: La Petite Academy

Provider No.: 24278

Address: 1504 Mall DR, Iowa City, IA, 52240

County: Johnson

Director's Name: Sarah Wood

On-Site Supervisor: N/A

Phone Number: 3193384513

E-Mail: 7263@lapetite.com

HHS Visit Date: 07/30/2026

Licensing Period: 07/01/2026 to 07/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 06/24/2026

Comments: Does Comply.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [X] Accrediation — Comments: The center has National Early Childhood Program Accreditation until 12/2027. https://necpa.net/

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [X] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	24	21	42	15	102
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This worker arrived at La Petite Academy - 24278 for their annual visit. The center is located inside of a commercial building. They utilize eight classrooms, kitchen, office and storage space. The center's fire inspection was completed on 6/24/2026. The center is open year around Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 6:00pm. The center provides care for infants-school aged children. The center's current enrollment is 97 children.

The director is Sarah Wood. The director started in 2016 with the company. She started in January 2026 as the director. She has an associate's degree.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center staff provided careful supervision during the visit. The center was in ratio during the visit.

The center ensures that medication is stored and documented appropriately, handwashing procedures are followed, staff know how to use the cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting products and diaper changing procedures were followed. Infant safe sleep procedures were followed.

The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center ensures that each child is served a full, nutritionally balanced meal/snack as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff provided careful supervision at the table during snacks and meals. Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage were followed. Menus were posted.

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The center's curriculum is teacher created using the following curriculum: Learning in Action. The center does not offer field trips. They do have visitors including the fire department, Renee's Ceramic, museums, librarian and parents.

All required postings were displayed on the date visit. Child files were in full compliance. Staff files were in full compliance. The licensing notebook was in full compliance including floor plans, drills, first aid checklist, playground inspections, fuel burning inspection, radon testing, staff handbook/parent handbook and emergency preparedness.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-The center has National Early Childhood Program Accreditation until 12/2027. https://necpa.net/
-The center consistently works with Child Care Resource and Referral, Grantwood AEA and their local Child Care Nurse Consultant.
-The center is a secured location with cameras.
-The center has an AED.
-The center sends pictures to the families five times per day.
-The center completes safe sleep checks for children under the age of two years every 15 minutes.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-The center must ensure that there is sufficient space for the children and staff to gather for tornado drills.
-The center must ensure the shed siding is repaired.
-The center needs additional mulch.
-This worker recommended two-inch binder circles to secure basket labels.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. If citations are issued, please ensure that they are corrected as soon as possible. It is important that the director and all staff review the updated Iowa Code 109 Iowa Administrative Code and Comm. 204: Comm. 204, Child Care Centers and Preschools Licensing Standards and Procedures

This worker encourages all centers to work with Child Care Resource and Referral Consultant Child Care Resource & Referral - Iowa CCR&R and their Child Care Nurse Consultant Healthy Child Care Iowa | Health & Human Services. Care Resource & Referral Consultants assists centers through training/professional development, licensing/regulatory support, developing policies/procedures and achieving best practice standards (Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®). Child Care Nurse Consultants assists centers through on-site consultation, training, technical assistance, information and referrals and care planning for children with special health needs.

Date: 09/08/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.