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

Name of Center: Aquin Early Childhood Center **Enrollment:** 141 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19237

Street: 210 Grant ST NW **City:** Cascade Iowa **Zip** 52033 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: PO Box 460, Cascade, IA, 52033

Director's Name: Meghan Cummer **Phone Number:** 563-852-7020

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** aquinlittleangels@aquin.org

Date(s) of Visit:

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 05-06-2020

Comments : Fire inspection certificate approval dated 6/13/23 to approve adding room 109 in the school building to the licensed child care center.

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 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	42	24	98	54	218
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2023 to 03-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 08-14-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center 3/14/23. The center director is Hillary Klein. Hillary was present along with other staff, The school principal, Laura Herbers, arrived at the center near the end of the visit to review the visit. This center is owned and operated by the Aquin Catholic School. The school is a private school for pre-k through eighth grade children. This center serves children age six weeks to 12 years. School-age children who attend the local public school may also be bused to and from this center by the public school buses. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program as this is provided at the school building.

The center currently includes the following program rooms that operate on the main floor of the building: Latchkey room (room 5, child care for four year old through school age children), four year old latchkey room (room 6, three year old preschool and four year old child care room), three year old child care room (room 7, children age two through four may be in this room depending on time of day and need), blue room (room four, 12 to 23 months), purple room (room 8, two and three year old children), red room (room three, eight to 12 months), yellow room (room two, approximately four to eight months), and green room (room one, zero to eight months). It is noted that the green and red rooms were not in use on the day of the visit. Program rooms generally provide for adequate materials to support program needs. Program rooms all include direct access to restroom areas and hand washing sinks adjacent to the rooms with the exception of the young infant rooms where toileting is not required. Rooms that require diapering facilities include appropriate diaper stations and hand washing sinks within the room. Rooms also include separate food preparation sinks. All program space was observed.

The school gymnasium may be available for indoor large motor activities at times.

The center serves breakfast, snack, lunch, and snack. The center does not participate in the CACFP. All meals and snacks are prepared on site by the center’s cook staff in the center’s kitchen area. The kitchen is large and organized. Extra fees are required for lunch and snack.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program rooms are spacious and bright with windows. The center participates in the local AEA program where materials can be borrowed to supplement/support program activities. The center has achieved a one star QRS rating through 9/30/23. Staff once again appeared engaged with the children in activities throughout the center. The center director reports working with the CCRR consultant on needed center improvements. The center's licensing documentation was found to be organized. The center has made progress on organization and compliance of staff and child files.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in

American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.

109.9(4): Daily written records are maintained for each child under two years of age and include time periods slept, amount of/time food consumed, time/irregularities of elimination patterns, general disposition, and general summary of activities.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

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. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. 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.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.

109.12(5)b: Infants diapered in a sanitary manner as needed in central diapering area.One changing table for every 15 infants/toddlers needing diaper changes.Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals.Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The administrative change only report is completed to add an additional room to the license capacity. Room 109 in the school building can have a maximum of 24 children and is added to the license capacity.

*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.