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

Name of Center: KinderCare Learning Center **Enrollment:** 152 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50165

Street: 8601 Thomas Avenue **City:** Johnston Iowa **Zip** 50131 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 8601 Thomas Avenue, Johnston, IA, 50131

Director's Name: Paige Poore **Phone Number:** 515-214-1036

On-Site Supervisor(s): Shannon Wilke **E-Mail:** paige.poore@kindercare.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-13-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-11-2022

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

Date Inspected: 12-13-2023

Comments : 6/14/24 - new building

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit 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	91	32	61	21	205
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2022 to 08-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 07-01-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

KinderCare Learning Center opened in September 2019. This daycare is one of many daycares owned and operated by the nationwide corporation KinderCare Education. The center is located in a single standing building with a secured entrance. Paige Poore is the director of this center. Paige has been the director since February 2022. Paige has been in the child care field since 2013. Danielle Anderson is the on site supervisor. Danielle has an Associates degree in Child Development. She's been employed with KinderCare since June 2020. The district manager is Rachel Ross. This center has 10 enclosed classrooms, serving children from age 6 weeks to 12 years of age. The center also has an inside large motor play area. The hours of operation are 6:30 am to 6:00 pm.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing standards and rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance of the building. Lesson plans and schedules are posted outside of classrooms. Diaper changing procedures are posted where required. Handwashing posters are posted in bathrooms. All classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, learning materials and toys. Classrooms have defined, labeled learning centers.

Paige assisted with today's visit. Both Infant and Infant 2 classes had eight infants present. Each room had two staff working. Toddler 1 and Toddler 2 had three children present. There were three staff working in each class. The 2's classroom had seven children present. One staff was working with this group. Discovery Preschool room (2's) had fourteen children in attendance. There were two staff working. PS1 (2/3's) had twelve children present. Two staff were working in ratio. There was a newly hired staff working that was in training. Children were observed in the classrooms and on the playground. Children were observed during individual play activities, singing songs and reading books with staff. Lunch time was also observed.

The center has a kitchen and cook. The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks. Menus were reviewed and CACFP standards are followed. Menus are on a four week rotation.

The center has three playgrounds. The toddlers have a playground, the two's have a playground. The preschool age, PreK and Transitional K classes have a playground. Poured surfacing is used in all playgrounds. There is also grass and concrete for surfacing. There are small climbing structures and fencing on all playgrounds. Staff have completed monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

KinderCare daycare centers are well supported by KinderCare corporation. They supply lesson plans, menus, classroom curriculums. All classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate learning and play materials.

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

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

The center added an additional space by the main center that has four classrooms: infant and toddler program rooms. This adds 32 to the existing capacity for the center.

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