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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Jefferson **Enrollment:** 65 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36567

Street: 2425 Watrous Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50321 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2100 Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA, 50321

Director's Name: Kelsi Stanley **Phone Number:** 515-242-7951

On-Site Supervisor(s): Ana Loya **E-Mail:** Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-25-2025

Licensing Visit X **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:** 04-28-2025

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

Date Inspected: 09-25-2024

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				110	110
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2026 to 01-01-2028
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 04-28-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - Jefferson has been in operation for many years. The center provides before and after school child care for children who attend Jefferson Elementary. The school has secured entrances. This summer they are one of the Metro Kids sites that are providing summer programming. The center uses the gym and additional classrooms for programming space. The center also uses the playgrounds. Kelsi Stanley is the director of the Metro Kids Programs. Ana Loya is the on site supervisor and has been in this role since 2013.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place by the center's entrance. A schedule and lesson plan were posted. The April Metro Kids newsletter was also posted. Metro Kids supplies are kept in a closet in the cafeteria. The center has a nice supply of age appropriate supplies and toys.

Today was an all day programming day. There were four staff working at the time of the visit. Children from Jefferson and several other elementary schools were in attendance. Thirty two children were present. The center has table games and activities set out throughout the cafeteria. Children were observed in the cafeteria and on the playground. Children were playing games individually and in small groups in the cafeteria. Staff were engaged with the children throughout the visit.

The center provides snack during regular programming. During regional days and breaks, the center provides breakfast and snacks. Children bring their own lunch. Menus show compliance with CACFP.

The center uses the school's playground. The school staff maintain the playground. The playground has poured surfacing, cement and grass for surfacing areas. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center uses school buses for off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Ana has been an on site supervisor for several years. The center has spacious programming space with a nice amount of learning and play materials for the children being served. Children are offered large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the school's gym and playground.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

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