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

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell - Waukee Elementary **Enrollment:** 58 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52260

Street: 850 6th ST **City:** Waukee Iowa **Zip** 50263 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 430 Ashworth DR, Waukee, IA, 50263

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes **Phone Number:** 515-987-5161

On-Site Supervisor(s): Ashley Dooley **E-Mail:** awilmes@waukeeschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-24-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-04-2023

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

Date Inspected: 08-09-2022

Comments : Waukee Fire Marshal. For licensing, these inspections are due at least every three years.

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				150	150
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2023 to 12-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 10-25-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 10/24/23. The on-site supervisor was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Beyond the Bell Waukee Elementary is a new center that was given permission to open by HHS on 8/22/23. BTB took over this program from the YMCA. The center is owned by the Waukee Schools and serves school-age children who attend this school. Before school hours are 6:30am - 8:35am and after school hours are 3:35pm - 6:00pm. Summer hours and no school days have full programing 6:30am - 6:00pm. The center uses the cafeteria, gym, and playground areas. The center uses their own learning curriculum based off of other learning curriculums.

The director of this program and all other Beyond the Bell and Wee Care programs is Andrea Wilmes. Andrea has a BA degree as well as many years of experience working in child care. The on-site supervisor at this location is Ashley Dooley. Ashley has an AA degree and also has past experience working in child care which includes being a director and on-site supervisor at other programs in the past.

During the visit, all of the children were outside playing on the playground. Staff were spaced out among the playground areas supervising and interacting with children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is another Beyond the Bell program. All of the programs use the same handbooks, can share staff, etc. There is continuity.

Staff use walkie talkies for better and more thorough communication with each other when in different areas of the building (gym, cafeteria, playground).

All of the BTB programs use Regwerks for billing, signing in/out of the building, etc.

The on-site supervisor believes the program has a good working relationship with other school personnel.

The director and the on-site supervisor have many years of experience working in child care.

Staff reportedly work well with each other.

Staff and child files were nicely organized.

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

109.4(3)b: Postings are required for: Mandatory reporter requirements. Notice of availability of handbook. Program activities. These shall be posted in area frequented by parents or public.
The Mandatory Reporter posting wasn't posted on the day of the visit.

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. 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.
1. Some of the handles on the wall climber are missing.
2. There was a bottle of cleaning spray that was out and accessible to children.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they are located in a school and only serve school-age children.

For transportation/field trips, the center contracts with the school district (bus and driver).

I-Power was discussed at the visit. All staff need to have an I - Power profile.

The Mandatory Reporter posting was emailed to the director after the visit concluded.

It is recommended the center's Emergency Preparedness kit be stored on a lower shelf for easier access.

The center handbooks were previously reviewed with other BTB programs.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.