Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell - Waukee Elementary

Provider No.: 52260

Address: 850 6th ST, Waukee, IA, 50263

County: Dallas

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes

On-Site Supervisor: Kamari Palimore

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HHS Visit Date: 10/26/2026

Licensing Period: 12/01/2025 to 12/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/01/2024

Comments: Waukee Fire Marshal. For licensing, these inspections are required at least every three years. The Waukee fire marshals typically do these inspections more frequently.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				150	150
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 10/26/26. The on-site supervisor was present throughout the inspection.

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.

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 School District 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. There are also early out days at least once a month. The center uses the cafeteria, gym, and outdoor playground areas. The center uses their own learning curriculum based off of other learning curriculums. Total child enrollment on the day of the inspection was 77 children.

The director of this program and all other Beyond the Bell, Wee Care programs, and Little Learners program at Vince Meyer 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 now Kamari Palimore. Kamari has a BA degree as well as past experience working in child care and as an on-site supervisor.

NUTRITION: The center provides the AM and PM snacks during the summer months and no school days during the school year. During the school year, children can eat breakfast through the school if they have money in their school account. In the summer months and no school days, children are responsible for providing their own lunches. Children eat in the

cafeteria. All food storage was sufficient.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The center contracts with the school district for a school bus and driver for all field trips not within walking distance. Parents sign authorization annually for their child to attend field trips. For all field trips, a first-aid kit and children's emergency contacts are taken along.

PLAYGROUND: The program uses the school playground. There is a climbing structure and swing area as well as a blacktop area. The climbing structure is new within the past year and field turf is now used for surfacing around the fall zones of the swings and climbing structures. There are shade structures on the playground. Monthly playground inspections are being conducted.

During the inspection, all of the children were in the gym watching a learning video on the large projection screen. Ratios were being followed and staff were spaced out among the different groups of children. The inspection took place on a no school day. Toys, tables, and other equipment are being cleaned and sanitized daily.

For more challenging child behaviors, staff are taught to know when they may need to step away for a short break. Teamwork and communication is stressed. There is a real focus for staff to remain rational and patient and get to know what the underlying issues children may be experiencing.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This is one of several Beyond the Bell programs. 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 photos were posted.

Enrollment remains steady.

Staff reportedly work well with each other. Monthly staff meetings are held.

The on-site supervisor believed a strength of the program is the relationship they have with families.

The center has access to a behavioral specialist as needed.

A new playground structure as well as field turf have been installed over the past year.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

No below standards were observed at this year's inspection.

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

N/A.

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

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

I-Power was discussed at the visit. Staff should continue to upload their training certificates. Any staff no longer with the program should be unlinked from the program in I - Power.

It was noted that one child's medication will expire at the end of 10/2026.

Date: 10/26/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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**.