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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Goose Lake Learning Center

Provider No.: 53061

Address: 1 School Lane, Goose Lake, IA, 52750

County: Clinton

Director's Name: Hannah Strickland

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 04/07/2026

Licensing Period: 12/08/2025 to 01/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/14/2025

Comments:

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	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			25	25	50
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced first licensing visit was completed at this new center on 4/7/26. This is a new owner to an existing center that has been located in this building for many years. The center would have been previously visited with the previous owner on 2/18/25. The owner of this center is Lee Jacobsen, however, he is not involved in the day to day operations of the center. The approved center director and primary manager of the center is Hannah Strickland. Hannah is qualified with six years of child care experience, she reports having taken college coursework in early childhood education, experience with a science museum preschool program, and having completed the ISU center director course. Hannah and another staff were present on the day of the licensing visit. The center is for profit. The center occupies some space in a building owned by the City of Goose Lake. The center rents this space from the city. There may be other functions taking place within the building; however, the doors to the center program rooms are kept locked and secure. The center currently offers care to children age three years through school age. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program. School age care is offered before and after school and on non-school days. Hannah states the center uses the Play to Learn curriculum which is a purchased preschool curriculum. The center reports enrollment of 22 children at the time of the visit.

The center primarily operates out of two large adjoining rooms. One of the rooms is generally referred to as the preschool room, and the other as the school age room. The rooms are connected by a short hallway area, and this is where the two restroom areas are located (one toilet each). Each program room has a hand washing sink just around the corner nearby to the restroom area. The "community room" is a large room in the building that may be used for school age children when it is available. It is not added to the license capacity for the center because it is not always available to the center. The room will need to be set up for child care prior to being approved for use. There are additional separated boys and girls restroom areas with multiple sinks and toilets in the hallway outside of the program rooms that can be utilized by the program. All program space was observed.

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The center serves breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Meals and snacks are prepared on site in the building kitchen area. The center does not participate in the CACFP. The center uses labeled and designated space within the kitchen in the building, including its own refrigerator/freezer, microwave, and stove/oven. The kitchen continues to be highly organized.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The staff were observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities. The children appear very comfortable in the child care environment. The staff work well together.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(1)a: All files contain:Copy of a department criminal history record check form or any other permission form approved by Department of Public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history record checkCopy of a request for child abuse information form, when applicable.Copies of results of Iowa record checks conducted through the SING for review by the department upon request.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any department issued documents sent to the center related to a record check, regardless of findings.
1. Staff files did not have completed Iowa (SING) or national record checks at the time of the visit.

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
1. _1_ child file reviewed did not have complete dentist information.

109.9(2)i: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
1. _2_ child files reviewed did not have a current physical.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that:Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.Sufficient lighting shall be provided.Sufficient ventilation.Sufficient heating.Sufficient cooling.Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.
1. Kitchen surfaces used for food service need to be properly cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to each meal preparation.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Documentation of the fuel burning appliances inspections has been received on 6/16/26. Reminder, this is due ANNUALLY and should be kept in the licensing binder. The report can be completed and license issued.

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule.

1. Complete radon testing. This center has a radon mitigation system in place, and therefore, radon testing shall be completed every two years for all licensed program rooms.
2. Office phone needs the proper phone posting.
3. Ensure any open food items are stored in a sealed container or ziploc and dated for freshness.
4. Child and staff files and other required documentation for licensing (licensing binder) need organization using the tab system recommended by HHS. The center shall use a tracking system to ensure file compliance. This was discussed with the center director.

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4. Ensure meals are in compliance with CACFP requirements including credible items served, required components served, serving sizes, timeframes between meals/snacks (no less than two hours and no more than three hours between the start times of meals/snacks). This was reviewed with the center director and CACFP information provided to the center.
5. Ensure daily schedules posted for all programs and current lesson/activity plans are posted (including for school age programs- before and after school, non school day, and Friday schedule).

A full license is issued. This report does not require a written response, however, please address the violations and concerns noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. Thank you.

Date: 05/18/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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**.