

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

Name of Center: Vermeer Yellow Iron Academy **Enrollment:** 128 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 43969

Street: 780 250th Ave **City:** Pella **Iowa Zip** 50219 **County:** Marion

Mailing Address: 1210 E Vermeer Rd, Pella, IA, 50219

Director's Name: Krista Sanchez **Phone Number:** 641-621-8942

On-Site Supervisor(s): Sarah Olson **E-Mail:** vermeer@brighthorizons.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-13-2022

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** NA

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-03-2022

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

Date Inspected: 04-22-2022

Comments : 5-6-22 - date of compliance

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

Financial Type: X **Profit** **Non-Profit** **NA**

Accreditation: **Accredited** X **NAEYC** **NSACA** **Other** **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:	<u>Year-round</u>		<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>	
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	32	24	56	50	162
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: 07-20-2022

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Vermeer Yellow Iron Academy opened in August 2014. This center is owned by Bright Horizons Children's Centers. It's located in a single standing building. There is a secured entrance. The centers provides child care services to children ages infancy through school age. Krista Sanchez is the director. Krista started as director at this center in April 2022. She worked at a Bright Horizons daycare center in Des Moines prior to coming to this center. Sarah Olson has been the on site supervisor since August 2015.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. Krista was present and she assisted with the visit. All areas subject to DHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. Classrooms schedules and lesson plans are posted by classrooms doors. All classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate supplies, toys and learning toys. Classrooms have interest centers that are labeled and children can easily access the toys and supplies within the centers.

The center has two infant classrooms open and two toddler classrooms. Toddler classrooms are older, mobile infants. The toddlers were observed in their classrooms, on the playground and also in the Movement Matters room. One infant room had seven infants with two staff. The other infant classroom and three infants with one staff working in the room. One toddler class had four toddlers with one staff working. The second toddler classroom had seven toddlers present with two staff. The center has two 2's classrooms. One classroom had eleven children and two staff, the other class had nine children and two staff. These rooms were observed in their rooms and outdoors on the playground. Today was water play day so children were doing activities involving water play. They were also observed in their classrooms. The preschool classrooms (3's) had thirteen children present with two staff. The PreK class (3/4's) had eleven children in attendance and two staff. The Kindergarten Prep class (5/6's) had nine children present. There was one staff working in this class. There were two school age classes in session. One group had had nine children with one staff member. This group was observed in the school age classroom. This group had a combination of younger school agers. The other group had thirteen children present. This group was observed in a Movement Matters room. This group also had one staff working. Children were observed doing some group time as well as child directed learning and play. Staff assisted children while they did craft projects, various table activities and during center time. Staffs' interactions with the children were observed to be positive.

The center has a full kitchen and two part time cooks. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus are on a four week rotation. Menus reflect CACFP requirements are followed.

The center has five playground areas. All the playgrounds have turf for surfacing as well as concrete paths for riding toys. Fencing surrounds the playgrounds. There are designated playgrounds for the following age groups: infants, toddlers, 2's, Preschool and PreK and KPrep and School Age. The playgrounds have age appropriate outdoor playground equipment and toys.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center has spacious, well furnished classrooms. The center has NAEYC accreditation. Children are afforded large motor play on a daily basis as the center has large motor play rooms that are used on inclement weather days. Bright Horizons provides a great deal of support to their centers.

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

109.9(2)b: 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.

Dental information was missing in a few children's files.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

Drills weren't completed in June 2022. These drills will be made up in July 2022.

109.11(3)d: Documentation by center personnel of monthly inspection of outdoor play area and equipment space and remedy of hazards noted. Record indicates if inclement weather prevented use of outdoor area and indicates inspection completed before use of area used.

Playground inspections haven't been documented since March 2022.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515)362-7823; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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