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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Mustang Scholars Preschool

Provider No.: 47791

Address: 300 E 5th St, Prairie City, IA, 50228

County: Jasper

Director's Name: Mary Catherine Striegel

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 5159942250

E-Mail: mustangscholarspreschool@gmail.com

HHS Visit Date: 10/07/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2024 to 11/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/11/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday			
Tuesday		8:15 AM to 11:15 AM	
Wednesday		8:15 AM to 11:15 AM	
Thursday		8:15 AM to 11:15 AM	
Friday		8:15 AM to 11:15 AM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			16		16
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Mustang Scholars Preschool opened in September 2016. The preschool is held in the First Reformed Church. Programming is held in one classroom. The preschool has a secured entrance. The preschool uses another room for serving snack. The preschool serves children ages three through five years of age. Mary Catherine Striegel is the director/lead teacher. Mary Catherine has an Associates of Arts degree in Sign Language. She has many years of experience working with young children in the school setting as well as child care setting. Mary Catherine began working at the preschool in 2016.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are posted at the entrance. The class schedule is posted. A current lesson plan was available. The center uses Experience Early Learning curriculum. The center uses Bright Wheel for an app. The classroom has well defined, labeled interest centers throughout the classroom. There is a dream play center, science center, art area, sensory table, blocks, doll house, circle time and library.

Mary Catherine and the assistant teacher were working today. There were fourteen children present today. The class were a group of three and four year old children. Children were observed doing writing activities at a table with Mary Catherine. Children were also doing a combined math/large motor learning activity with the assistant teacher. Children were observed playing in the interest centers today also.

Parents provide the snacks served. The center provide parents with a list of credible snack items. The center supplements the snack if needed.

The center doesn't provide transportation. The center walks to field trips.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The preschool participates in IQ4K and has a one star rating. The preschool receives JMP Early Childhood Iowa and has received scholarships funds for children in need. Mary Catherine has a lot of experience working with young children. Administrative records are well maintained.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations during today's visit.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

This 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 melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) 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.

*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.

Date: 10/08/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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