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

Name of Center: Calamus Wheatland Elementary School **Enrollment:** 50 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51072

Street: 80 2nd ST **City:** Calamus Iowa **Zip** 52729 **County:** Clinton

Mailing Address: PO Box 158, Calamus , IA, 52729

Director's Name: Jessica Esbaum **Phone Number:** 563-246-2222

On-Site Supervisor(s): none **E-Mail:** jesbaum@cal-wheat.net

Date(s) of Visit: 11-01-2022, 09-02-2022

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-02-2022

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

Date Inspected: 09-07-2022

Comments :

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 X Preschool-Age 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	8	18	43	64	133
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2022 to 10-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 11-07-2022

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this new center on 11/1/22. It is noted that the center was also visited on 9/2/22 to see and approve the new building addition. The center director is now Jessica Esbaum. She was present and accompanied the licensing consultant throughout both visits. Jessica is also the lead teacher for the school's statewide voluntary preschool program. The center is owned and operated by the Calamus Wheatland Elementary School. The licensed center occupies space in the elementary school building. Since the previous licensing visit the center has expanded mostly into a brand new wing of the building designed specifically for the child care center and preschool and now offers year round care to infants through school age children. Before and after school/preschool chid care is offered to children who attend this school on school days. On non school days the program would be open to other children as well.

The center includes the following licensed space in the new wing of the building: Twos room, threes room, preschool room (morning statewide voluntary prek program and before and after preschool/school child care for four year old through school age children), infant room (age six weeks up to second birthday), and "gym" (large room currently used by multiple groups for indoor large motor activities). The center uses room 407 in the main school building for their transitional kindergarten program (five year old children who are not yet enrolled in kindergarten). The transitional kindergarten program operates from 11:25am to 3pm daily and is offered by the school and taught by a licensed teacher. Parents do not pay for this portion of the program. Child care is offered in this room for these children before 11:25am which parents do pay for. If these children need to stay for after care, they would combine with the other child care kids in the new wing of the building. All program rooms are spacious, colorful, and bright with windows. Program materials are highly organized and are accessible. Room 407 includes an adjacent restroom area with a toilet and sink as well as a hand washing sink within the program room. These children also have access to a nearby hallway restroom with one toilet and one sink. The twos, threes, and preschool rooms include adjacent restroom areas with one toilet. These rooms have two hand washing sinks within the program room (at least one sink is just outside of the restroom area). The twos room includes a diaper station within the program room near the hand washing sink. The infant room includes a diaper station and hand washing sink within the program room. The room also includes a food/bottle sink. The "gym" includes two adjacent restroom areas with one toilet and one sink in each. The room includes an adjacent restroom area with one toilet. The hand washing sink is in the classroom just outside of the restroom area. There are hallway restroom areas available nearby that the program can use as well. The gym is used by the program for indoor large motor activities if it is available.

The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. Meals and snacks are provided by the school cafeteria and brought to the center by cafeteria staff on school days. The school cafeteria is licensed by IDPH. On non school days, center staff use the school cafeteria to prepare meals and snacks for the center. School age children are released from child care prior to breakfast.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The new wing of the building was designed specifically for the child care center. The program rooms provides ample space and are well arranged and well supplied. Materials continue to be accessible to the children, are organized, and are well maintained. Even with the program's recent expansion and change of director, the center continues to be well managed, and

the staff appear to work well together. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged in activities with the children. Children's projects and crafts are posted throughout the center. Staff and child files and other required licensing documentation continue to be highly organized.

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

CHILD FILES:
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.
Child files do not contain emergency consent for the center.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. 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. All food preparation/food service surfaces need to be properly cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to that activity in all program rooms.
2. Surfaces within 18 inches of any hand washing sink shall not be used for food service activity or any other sanitary items.
3. Secure cabinets in the restroom areas of the gym so that items there that should not be are not accessible to the children.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals. Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.
1. Timeframe between the start times of meals and snacks is not in compliance. There shall be no less than two hours and no more than three hours between the start times of meals and snacks.
2. Several menu items do not meet CACFP requirements and/or are considered dessert based grains.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The administrative change aspect of this report is completed to reflect the additional new space that has been added to the center. The center now includes the TK room in the existing school building as well as the new child care/preschool wing of the building. The individual room capacities for the licensed space are as follows:

Preschool room = 22 children
Threes room = 21 children
Twos room = 18 children
Infant room = 8 children
TK room = 17 children
School age room ("gym") = 47 children (if this room is formally divided any way, please notify licensing so capacity determinations can be made)

1. DHS license should also be posted with the required postings at the TK room.
2. Carbon monoxide detector is needed in the new wing of the building.
3. A separate diaper waste can (labeled clearly for this material only) is needed at the diaper station in the twos room.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

*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.