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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Prince Of Peace Preschool & Childcare

Provider No.: 18562

Address: 245 26th Ave N, Clinton, IA, 52732

County: Clinton

Director's Name: Mary Jensen

On-Site Supervisor: none

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HHS Visit Date: 01/12/2026

Licensing Period: 03/01/2026 to 03/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 11/25/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Tuesday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Wednesday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Thursday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Friday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	13	7	26		46
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 1/12/26. This program is owned and operated by the Prince of Peace Catholic School and overseen by the school board. The center operates out of its own building that is not part of the school. This center has been in operation prior to being licensed by DHS being overseen by the Department of Education. Mary Jensen is the DHS qualified center director and was present along with several other staff on the day of the licensing visit. This center serves infants through preschool aged children during the school year only on school days. The program does have an Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program in the building, but that aspect of the program is not licensed by DHS.

The following preschool and/or program rooms are licensed by DHS; fours room, threes room, twos room (18 months through two year old children), and nursery. It is noted that it was discovered at this visit that the center has swapped the two year old and four year old room since the last licensing visit. Program rooms were generally well organized and supplied with an adequate amount of accessible, well maintained materials to support programming needs. The center uses separated boys and girls hallway restroom areas. Children do have to travel from the program space for all toilet and most hand washing functions. Both restroom areas include diapering stations. The nursery includes a diaper station within the room as well as two separated sinks, one for food/bottle preparation and one for hand washing. The large lower level room is used for indoor large motor space. There are hallway restroom areas located on the lower level. All program space was observed.

The center does not participate in the CACFP but knows they shall meet those requirements for all meals and snacks served. The center serves snack, lunch, and snack. Parents pay one fee per day that covers all meals and snacks. Meals and snacks are prepared on site in the center's kitchen area. The kitchen area is organized.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center continues to be managed by an experienced and qualified director. Program rooms are colorfully painted and are bright with windows. Program rooms are very nicely arranged with accessible materials and are organized. The center appears clean and well maintained. The center is decorated with the children's projects and creations as well as photo postings of the children. Extra books and other materials in storage are very organized at the center. The staff and director appear to work well together and were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities. Since the last licensing visit the center director states that new carpet has been installed in the infant room, a child level hand rail has been added to the stairs, the center has worked with the local emergency management personnel to further secure the center. The center director states there are plans to replace the outdoor area fencing in the immediate future. Licensing documentation and child files were found to be highly organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.11(3)a
1. Remove/move items that are blocking exit pathways in the four year old room.
2. Items that are labeled to keep out of reach of children are accessible in the lower level restroom area cabinets.

109.11(4)b
1. Playground inspections not documented for 8/2025 through 12/2025.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old 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. The center will need to ensure compliance.

1. Review diaper changing procedures with staff as they are posted.

The center will continue with a full license. Please address the violation(s) and/or concern(s) noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

Date: 01/23/2026

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.

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