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

Name of Center: Solon Learning Academy LLC **Enrollment:** 151 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 41832

Street: 201 Prairie Rose LN **City:** Solon Iowa **Zip** 52333 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 201 Prairie Rose LN, Solon, IA, 52333

Director's Name: Kristen Struzynski/Emily Elsasser **Phone Number:** 319-624-5122

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kristin Donovan **E-Mail:** info@solonlearningacademy.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-05-2023

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:** 09-05-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-05-2022

Comments : Does comply.

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

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X 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:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	30	20	36	79	165
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2023 to 10-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 10-09-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Solon Learning Academy LLC on 10/5/23. The center provides childcare for infants to school age children. The center is open Monday-Friday 6am to 6pm. The center has 151 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center uses six classrooms, two gyms, a kitchen, and offices. The center's fire inspection was completed on 7/5/2022.

The directors are Kristen Struzynski and Emily Elasser. Kristen has a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education Specializing in Reading, Language Arts and Art. Kristen opened the center in 6/2013. Emily has a bachelor's degree in psychology. She also opened the center in 6/2013.

The on-site supervisor is Kristin Donovan. Kristin has an associate degree. She started at the center in 2/2014.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit.

The center offers field trips. They have gone to the apple orchard, The Shell, museums, pumpkin patch, Bloomsbury Farm, AirFX, etc.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center is clean, nicely decorated and welcoming to those who enter.
-The directors have been with the center since 2013. The on-site supervisor has been with the center since 2014.
-The center directors/on-site supervisors have done an excellent job of maintaining employees.
-The centers curriculum focuses on the following dimensions: social/emotional development, physical development/health, literacy/communication skills, mathematics, science/technology, social studies, and creative arts.
-Child files, staff files, and the licensing notebook were in full compliance.

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

109.10(3): The center shall have written procedures for dispensing, storage, and authorization, and recording of all prescription and non-prescription medications.
-The center does have a policy on medication management however some improvements must be made.

-The center will use these forms for medication/non prescription medications:
https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/idphfiles/Medication%20Authorization%20and%20Record%20final%2006212023.doc.pdf

-The center will use the following forms for emergency medications:
https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/idphfiles/Emergency%20Medication%20final%2006212023.pdf

-The center will also use the action plans/care plans from the following website: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/products
If staff do not know how to use the medications the director will schedule a visit with the Nurse Consultant for training.

-Emergency medications, action plans/care plans, medication authorization and a picture of the child will all be placed inside a red pencil bag. These must be hung above the light switch in the classroom the child is in. This will help ensure that all staff know who has a medical condition and the way to care for that child. Emergency medications must be inaccessible to children but unlocked. If they are all stored in the same spot it helps ensure that all staff know where to find the medications.

-The directors are strongly encouraged to complete the Medication Administration Skills training:
https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/idphfiles/Med%20Admin%20Overview%20and%20Requirements%20final%2006212023.pdf

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.