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

Name of Center: Holy Cross St Michael Center **Enrollment:** 16 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 46318

Street: 4105 Harrison St **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51108 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 4105 Harrison St, Sioux City, IA, 51108

Director's Name: Julie Berenstein **Phone Number:** 712-898-9837

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** julie.berenstein@bishopheelan.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-02-2022

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-29-2021

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

Date Inspected: 08-12-2020

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

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

QRS Rating: N/A

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

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 12-05-2022

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 12-02-22 and spoke with Julie Berenstein, director. Ms Berenstein along with Holy Cross Elementary school started a 3 year old preschool program at Holy Cross Elementary School beginning with the school 2019 school year. Julie Berenstein has been the director since 2001 at the Children's school and has an Elementary Education degree and a masters in learning disabilities. Licensing capacity is reduced to 16. Starting the school year 2021-2022 the 3 year old preschool program changed to an extended preschool day to be an all day program. Their hours are changed to 8:15am to to 3:15pm. If parents want to child to just do preschool their hours are 8:15am to 11:30am Monday thru Friday. The preschool program is operated by the Bishop Heelan Catholic school. The preschool program operates in one room.

There are 16 children enrolled in the program. There are 12 children who were present at the time of the visit. Not all children attend everyday. The only have 6 children who stay for the extended day of the program. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. Given the current corona-virus pandemic, time was spent on discussing how the center is managing. The center is following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families during this time. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, , picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, leading the children in exercise, reminding the children about rules, engaging the children in activities, and reading stories to the children. Staff had good interaction with the children. The center utilizes the Creative Curriculum in their teachings.

Center Nutrition Practices: Since the program is now all day, lunches is provided by the Holy Cross School along with snacks. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition.
For this school year only 6 children attend the all day program as the other children leave at 11:30am when their parent arrive. Reminder if children bring their lunch that it should be kept in a refrigerator.

Center Health & Safety
Center does not administer medication. First aid kit is complete. Fire/tornado drills need to be documented each month. Radon test is complete and within normal range. Annual heating inspection was complete. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place.

Center Playground
The center uses the school playground. Playground has climbing equipment and slides. The school maintains the playground. There is some shade on the playground. It recommended to add more shade. They use the school gym when they are unable to utilize the playground. Monthly playground inspections need to be documented.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The preschool program does not transport.

Goal of the preschool program is to increase in the number of children in their program. Also, for children to be learn independent skills. To update outside playground and or to have their own playground which is more age appropriate.

Strengths of the program is staff work well as a team as well as commitment and longevity of the staff. Staff have good communication and relationship with the families they serve as well as the school and the community. The program offers, music, science and PE for the children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Preschool Center:

Sends weekly email to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Display children's art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture.

Very positive interaction with the children.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Staff are animated when reading stories to the children.

Positive interaction with the children.

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

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.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Program needs to email consultant confirming that those items that fall below standards have been corrected by 12-30-22.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center each year.

*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.