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

Name of Center: Sprouts Early Learning Academy **Enrollment:** 85 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51564

Street: 125 School Street **City:** Carlisle Iowa **Zip** 50047 **County:** Warren

Mailing Address: PO Box 356, Carlisle, IA, 50047

Director's Name: Paige Smothers **Phone Number:** 515-989-7913

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** director@sproutsela.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-14-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-07-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-26-2021

Comments :

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 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		36	40		76
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2023 to 05-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 04-18-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Sprouts Early Learning Center was given permission to open on 9/1/21. The center is located in a single standing building. The center has a secured entrance to the daycare section of the building. There is a spacious lobby that parents/guardians use to check in the children and the required postings are located. The daycare serves children ages two through five years. The owner and director is Paige Smothers. Paige taught preschool prior to opening this daycare center.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory posting are in place. Classrooms had schedules in place. Lesson plans are posted and available for parents. The center has four program rooms. The classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, learning and play materials. Interest centers are easily accessible to the children in their classrooms.

Paige was present and she assisted with today's visit. The Red Room (2's) had seven children present. Two staff were working in this classroom. The Green Room (4/5's) had eleven children present. Two staff were working with this group. The Rainbow Room and Purple Room weren't open today. Children were observed on the playground and in the classrooms. Children were observed during rest time, during staff led activities and during individual choice activities. Staff were actively engaged in the children's activities. Interactions between staff and children were observed to be positive throughout the visit.

The center has a full kitchen. A cook prepares all meals on site. Breakfast, snacks and lunch is served. The cook has taken the Safe Serve class. Menus were reviewed. A few items being served weren't CACFP compliant and are being removed.

The center has a fenced in playground. The center has a shade structure which will be put up next week. The playground has turf surfacing.
There is a tree in the middle of the playground. A recommendation has been made to have the hole around the tree filled due to the depth of the hole. There is a brick border around the hole which is also being covered by cushion material.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Paige has a lot of experience in the child development field. The center did a lot of remodeling of the building prior to opening. The classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate supplies and toys. The center is starting participation in IQ4K.

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

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks.Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking. Some food items being served aren't CACFP credible. Paige said those items will no longer be served.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The 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 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.