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

Name of Center: North Liberty's BEST Academy **Enrollment:** 75 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52078

Street: 530 Pondview **City:** North Liberty Iowa **Zip** 52317 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 2653 Wayland Rd, Washington, IA, 32353

Director's Name: Heather Cummings **Phone Number:** 319-600-2679

On-Site Supervisor(s): Chloe Whitmore **E-Mail:** northlibertysbestsummercamp@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-30-2024

Licensing Visit X **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:** 12-19-2022

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

Date Inspected: 03-07-2024

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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years 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	0	0	0	57	57
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-11-2023 to 05-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 06-10-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at North Liberty BEST Academy an annual visit on 5/30/24. The center provides childcare for preschool to school aged children. They currently have 75 children
enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center is for profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 3/7/2024.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit. The center uses three classrooms, a kitchen, and an office.

The center goes to the gym for taekwondo three times a week. They go to the park two times a week if the weather cooperates. If the weather does not cooperate they go to the gym for games.

The director is Heather Cummings. Heather opened the center in 2023. Heather has worked as a taekwondo for 10 years.

The on-site supervisor is Chloe Whitmore. She has completed two out of four years completed of her Bachelor's Degree in Human Services. She has worked for the center since 2023.

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 followed handwashing procedures. The center stored medications appropriately. The center had a fully stocked first aid kit. The center practiced emergency drills as required. The center had completed radon testing as required. The center had completed an annual fuel burning appliance inspection and had a carbon monoxide detector.

The center's curriculum is teacher created.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center had all required postings. The center communicates with parents by via: Brightwheel.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center uses Brightwheel for parent communication.
-The center director has established a working relationship with CCR&R.
-The center director ensured that staff files, child files and licensing notebook were in full compliance.
-Staff all wear matching shirts.
-Coaches have experience in taekwondo, dance and cheer.
-The center's website is: https://www.northlibertysbestacademy.com/

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Sunscreens were accessible to the children throughout the center. Sunscreens must be stored inaccessible to the children at all times.

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://hhs.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.