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

Name of Center: Grand View Child Development Center **Enrollment:** 48 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18725

Street: 3342 John Wesley DR **City:** Dubuque Iowa **Zip** 52002 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: 3342 John Wesley DR, Dubuque, IA, 52002

Director's Name: Brandi Quade **Phone Number:** 563-582-8875

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** grandviewpreschool@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-20-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 10-04-2022

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **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: 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	29	15	63	13	120
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2023 to 06-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 02-27-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 2/20/24. The center director, Brandi Quade, was present along with other staff. Brandi has been the director for several years, and before that she worked at this center as the assistant director for four years. Prior to that she worked at the center since 2004 in the preschool room. This large center is owned and operated by the Grand View United Methodist Church within the church building that is well maintained. The center operations are governed by a voluntary board made up of church members. The center operates on one level, primarily on one side of the building that is kept secure from the other parts of the building. The children may travel to the church sanctuary room, "Grand View Room", for indoor large motor activities when it is available and set up for this use. The school-age portion of the child care is currently only offered during the summer. The director did walk with the licensing consultant throughout the majority of the visit. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center consists of the following rooms: Garden Room (six weeks to 12 months, formerly called the Nido Room, room 121); Evergreen Room (three to five years, school age summer); Treehouse 1 and Treehouse 2 Rooms (two to three years, adjoining rooms used as one space, rooms 124 and 119); Meadow Room (12 through 23 months, room 127); Maple Room (currently a multi purpose room, room 130); Oak Room (three to five years). Each program room has an adjacent restroom or two, and they also have a sink within the program room. The Garden Room includes a diaper station within the program room. Program rooms are generally very well stocked with accessible, organized and well-presented and well maintained materials. All program space was observed.

The center does participate in the CACFP and serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. Meals and snacks are prepared on site in the church kitchen. The kitchen is large, organized, and nicely equipped.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The director is highly qualified and has been with the center since 2004. She continues to be motivated to make the center the best it can be. She has also continued with her NAC credential. The center is very well managed, and the staff continue to work quite well together. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children and directly interacting in a positive way in all program rooms. The center provides daily information for all children at the center using the center's online application program. The center participates in the Harvest of the Month Program through Iowa State Extension which brings locally sourced food into the center with an accompanying lesson. The center participates in the Swiss Valley Naturalist Program. The center has repainted the hallway areas since the last licensing visit. The center continues to report good support from the church. The facility is a newer building that is generally clean and very well maintained. The center is bright with many windows, and children's creations and projects are on display throughout the center. Licensing documentation and staff and child files continue to be highly organized.

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.
1. Fire and tornado drills were not documented for 4/2023.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Consultation has been provided to the center regarding the updated rules regarding combining different age groupings of children and what is allowed and when. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age 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 they are in compliance with this moving forward.

The individual maximum room capacities are as follows:

Garden (room 121, zero to 12 months, CRIBS, previously Nido) = 14 children
Treehouse 1 and 2 (connecting rooms 124 and 119, two years) = 15 children (one toilet, one hand washing sink)
Meadow (room 127, 12 through 23 months) = 15 children (one toilet, one diaper station, one hand washing sink)
Maple (room 130, three through five years) = 25 children
Oak (three through five years) = 25 children
Evergreen (three through five years, school age summer) = 26 children

1. Improve storage of food service items and clean linen items in the treehouse room to ensure these items are maintained separate and sanitary from other miscellaneous items.
2. Ensure water pitchers/containers go through the dish washing process in the kitchen at least daily.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the item cited and the items noted above in this section of the report so that corrections are obvious and maintained. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

*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.