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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: KuemperCares

Provider No.: 46427

Address: 109 S Clark ST, Carroll, IA, 51401

County: Carroll

Director's Name: Trish Tigges

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 7128306134

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HHS Visit Date: 05/18/2026

Licensing Period: 04/01/2026 to 04/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/20/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	7:45 AM to 5:15 PM		
Tuesday	7:45 AM to 5:15 PM		
Wednesday	7:45 AM to 5:15 PM		
Thursday	7:45 AM to 5:15 PM		
Friday	7:45 AM to 5:15 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	52	32	84
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing visit was made to Kuemper Cares on 5/18/26. The child care program is owned by Kuemper Catholic School and is located in Kuemper Catholic School. The program offers programming to preschool to school age children. Three-year-old preschool, four-year-old wrap around child care, and after school care are provided during the school year. Before school child care is not offered. Full day child care is offered during the summer for preschool to school age children. Preschool and child care services are not offered over Christmas break, spring break, religious holidays, and severe weather. If the school cancels school for a day, the center is closed. There are 75 children enrolled. Trish Tigges became the interim director in April 2026. She has a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a special endorsement for Early Childhood Special Education. Alexis Carlson is the on-site supervisor. I met with Trish Tigges during my licensing visit. The center was given permission to open under HHS licensing on 12/14/15. Prior to this date, the center was under the Department of Education's supervision.

Observation of rooms:
Five programming rooms are currently being used but only four will be used during the summer. All programming rooms look great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. There is a three-year-old preschool room, two wraparound rooms for four- year-olds, one room for napping, and one overflow room that is mainly used for teacher and staff's children as well as an office. The child care is free to school staff's children. The three-year-old preschool is offered from 8-11 AM or 12-3 PM on either Tuesdays and Thursdays or Wednesdays and Fridays. The four-year-old wrap around is offered from 7:30 AM to 12 PM or 11 AM to 3 PM Tuesday through Friday. Wraparound is from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM on Mondays. Wraparound plus if offered from 3 PM – 5:15 PM daily. All children must be potty trained to participate in any of the preschool programs. The programming rooms have lesson plans/activities. Twenty-one children were observed walking into the napping room for their nap. There is no preschool at Kuemper Catholic School on

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Mondays so there are more children at the center. Toys and equipment are rotated frequently. The center creates their own curriculum and uses a religious based curriculum. Staff were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The center uses the Brightwheel child care app. The center accepts Child Care Assistance.

Nutrition:
The school is not on the federal food program, but they follow the CACFP guidelines. The school provides lunch and the center provides the snack. The three-year-old preschool only gets either a morning or afternoon snack. They are not provided lunch. During the summer the school participates in the free breakfast and lunch program. The center provides morning and afternoon snacks. Menus are posted. Proper food storage was observed. The refrigerator had a thermometer.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented. The school is responsible for radon testing. Radon testing was completed 2/22/22 - 2/24/22 and all classrooms came back with radon levels below 4.0 pCi/L. Since you are in a school, the Department of Education will monitor the radon testing. Child Care Licensing will no longer monitor the radon testing. The fuel burning inspection/boiler inspections expire in June 2024 and one expired in May 2024. However, Trish reported they have all electrical appliances. Please check to see if you have a boiler or electrical appliances. Please get me a current fuel burning/boiler inspection if you have a boiler. The center has first aid kits and will take them with them when they leave the room. Medication management procedures are followed. The center has their emergency preparedness procedures. The center uses Clorox Hydrogen Peroxide for sanitizing and disinfecting. The center was not following the correct sanitizing and disinfecting procedures and did not use the three-step bottle procedure: 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing, 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting. Cleaning physically removes all dirt and contamination from a surface. Cleaning should be done first with detergent and water. Sanitizing is done to reduce germs on a surface. Sanitizing should be done on all food contact surfaces (food prep areas, tables, eating surfaces, high chair trays, utensils, dishes, cutting boards) and mouthed toys. Disinfecting is done to destroy or inactivate germs. Disinfecting should be done on all door handles, drinking fountains, diapering surfaces, sinks, faucets, and toilets. Please begin following the three-step procedure immediately.

Playground:
The school playground is used and there is a green space in front of the center for the three-year-old program. This area isn't fenced. Monthly playground safety inspections were completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. Field trips are taken during the summer months. The school district bus and driver are used or a smaller bus that school teachers and child care staff can drive. The transportation director maintains all records and documentation of maintenance.

Administrative records:
Three staff files were reviewed. One staff member's physical was on the wrong form. Please get it on the right form immediately. One staff did not have the annual professional development/training hours. Seven children's files were reviewed and were in excellent order. Monthly meetings are held with the lead teachers and staff meetings are held at the start of summer and fall programming. The noncompliance item from the 2025 licensing evaluation was reviewed and it has been corrected. Please make sure the no smoking sign is posted near the door entering the center.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Trish and her team are very organized, enthusiastic, and proud of the center. Staff had excellent interaction with the children; they were positive, kind, and attentive to the needs of the children. The center is able to utilize other school services and resources as needed. Some grants have been received for the three-year-old program. Full-time staff are eligible for school benefits. Several staff are also participating in the TEACH program. Trish identified their strengths as staff do a wonderful job managing children's behaviors, staff have good interactions with the children, and staff keep the children engaged.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training. Three staff files were reviewed. One staff

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109.11(2)b: Program space must meet the following conditions: Room must be arranged so as not to obstruct the direct observation of children by staff. Individual covered mats, bed, or cots and appropriate bedding will be provided for all children who nap. Equipment and materials are maintained in a sanitary manner. Sufficient spacing must be maintained. The center will have sufficient toilet articles for each child for hand washing. The center was not following the correct sanitizing and disinfecting procedures and did not use the three-step bottle procedure: 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing, 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for 4/1/26 to 4/1/28.

Targeted Assessment Behavior Management
I discussed with Trish their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1. Understand expectations, 2. Managing frustrations, 3. Monitor performance. Trish said they talk at staff meetings about how to handle behavioral situations and children with increased behaviors. Some staff have behavior training. Trish models correct interactions for children with behaviors. Staff are encouraged to ask for help if they need a break from a student.

Date: 05/21/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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