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

Name of Center: Tiger Tots - Madrid Elementary **Enrollment:** 45 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52864

Street: 201 N Main St **City:** Madrid Iowa **Zip** 50156 **County:** Boone

Mailing Address: 613 W North St, Madrid, IA, 50156

Director's Name: Mikaela Dew **Phone Number:** 515-795-1444

On-Site Supervisor(s): Alex Jacobs **E-Mail:** madridtigertotspreschool@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-11-2025

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 05-15-2025

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

Date Inspected: 12-07-2023

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years per licensing regulations.

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: 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	72	72
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-12-2025 to 05-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 06-12-2025

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing inspection visit was conducted on 6/11/25. The director was present throughout this inspection visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Tiger Tots Madrid Elementary is a new program that was given permission to open on 5/30/25. The program is located in the old school administration building. This program serves school - age children who go to this school. The center is in operation 6:30am - 8:00am and then again 3:00pm - 6:00pm during the school year and 6:30am - 6:00pm during the summer and no school days. The center uses their own learning curriculum based off a combination of other curriculums with children.

The center is non - profit and overseen by a Board. Mikaela Dew is the director of this program as well as the Tiger Tots Child Care Center also located in Madrid. Mikaela has a Bachelor's degree as well as past experience working in child care. Alex Jacobs is the on-site supervisor at this program. Alex has a Bachelor's degree as well as past experience working in child care.

There are a total of three classrooms. The two smaller classrooms both have a capacity of 18 children. The larger classroom has a capacity of 36 children.

During the visit, children were observed engaged in free-choice play in all three classrooms. Children were also later observed washing their hands as they were getting ready to walk to the school cafeteria just up the street for lunch (see notes/recommendations below on hand washing before lunch).

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a new center that meets a need in the community for school-age care.

The director is organized.

The two Tiger Tots programs share the same staff, handbooks, etc. There is continuity.

The center uses the app Brightwheel for communication with parents and staff.

Staff photos are posted near the entrance.

Good staff - child interactions were observed. Good staff redirection was observed for one child having a more difficult time.

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

109.12(4): Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.
At the time of the visit, the tables needed to be cleaned and sanitized still after an activity earlier in the day.

109.15(1): Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.
The full day schedule and the times between lunch and PM snack needs to be altered some as discussed at the time of the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they are located within a school building and only serve school-age children.

For field trips, the center contracts with the school district and takes a bus.

The handbooks used by this program are by and large the same handbooks they use at the Tiger Tots child care program also located in Madrid. These were previously reviewed.

The center will also need to have a separate AM and separate PM schedule (in addition to their full-day posted schedule) once school starts back up.

The two centers share the same staff. Staff from the child care center will also need to be linked to this program in I - Power.

It is recommended the center also be able to have access to the school cafeteria restrooms for hand washing before meals. Hands were washed down at the center, but then children walk to the cafeteria from there to sit down for lunch.

On the playground, there are several bolts along the fence and the gates that need to be cut/capped so that no more than two threads are showing. This was also observed on the fence backstop on the ball field.

The center opened on the last day of the work week in May and has not yet conducted monthly fire and tornado drills or monthly playground inspections. These will start in June 2025.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.