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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Martensdale-St Marys Child Care

Provider No.: 27101

Address: 390 Burlington, Martensdale, IA, 50160

County: Warren

Director's Name: Sandi Christensen

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 6413517545

E-Mail: sandi_christensen@mstm.us

HHS Visit Date: 08/06/2026

Licensing Period: 05/01/2025 to 05/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/24/2026

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	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 5:30 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				75	75
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This center has been in operation since 1999. It operated under the Department of Education prior to coming under the the Department of Human Services in 2015. The center is located in St. Mary's Public School. The school has a secured entrance. This program operates year round and serves children ages PreK through 6th grade. The center uses the cafeteria, two gyms, two computer labs and a library for programming space. The center also uses the playground. Sandi Christensen has served as director of the center since 2002.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. The center has mandatory postings posted in the cafeteria. A schedule/lesson plan are posted. The center's supplies are kept in cabinets in the cafeteria.

Sandi assisted with today's visit. Current enrollment is 49. Today's attendance was 40. There were seven staff working today. During today's visit, children were observed in the cafeteria. Lunch time was observed. Child directed play activities and reading time was observed after lunch. Preschool and Kindergarten children have staff read books to them. the older children read books on their own.

The center serves snack after school. During the summer the center serves breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. The center purchases their food from the company the school uses. The center uses the school's kitchen to prepare meals. Sandy and additional staff are in charge of preparing food. Menus are on a weekly basis. Menus were reviewed and showed some areas of non-compliance with breakfast.

The playground is maintained by school maintenance staff. Staff complete monthly playground checks. The outdoor space

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is spacious and has different areas for children to choose outdoor play activities.

The center takes off site field trips during the summer. The center contracts with the school district for bussing.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Sandi has been the director of this program for many years. Administrative records are well maintained. The center has a lot of programming space. The children are offered large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the gyms and the playground.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.13(1 and 2): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals.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.Menus shall be made available to parents and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking.
There were some breakfasts being served that had the dairy and fruit components being served in liquid form. Sandy is making adjustments to the menu today.

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

NA

5. 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 me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*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.

Date: 08/07/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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