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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Perkins

Provider No.: 36574

Address: 4301 College Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50311

County: Polk

Director's Name: Kelsi Stanley

On-Site Supervisor: Shelby Kephart

Phone Number: 5152427951

E-Mail: Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

HHS Visit Date: 02/17/2026

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/11/2023

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Tuesday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Wednesday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Thursday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Friday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				130	130
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Metro Kids - Perkins has been in operation since 1987. The center provides before and after school sessions throughout the school year. The center uses the school's cafeteria, gym and library for program rooms. Parents use a door that is located close to the cafeteria for entrance. Kelsi Stanley is the director of this center. Shelby Kephart is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are posted at the entrance of the cafeteria. The weekly lesson plan was posted. A February newsletter was posted. The center keeps their supplies in cabinets in the cafeteria. The center sets out table activities and interest areas in the cafeteria.

Shelby was present today and she assisted with the visit. Five staff were working today. There were fifty seven children in attendance today. Children were mainly observed on the playground today. Staff were spaced throughout the playground which helps provide better supervision. Children were coming indoors for club today, which was drama club.

The center provides snacks after school during the school year. The center gets snacks from the school. This school is a free meal site so children can eat breakfast and lunch through this program. The center serves snacks. Snack served today was baked tortilla chips, salsa and 100% juice.

The center uses the school's playground. School staff maintain the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

Metro Kids uses school buses for field trips.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center has a lot of program space. Children are afforded large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the school's playground and gym. Metro Kids does a good job maintaining administrative files.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations cited.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

This 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: 02/20/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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