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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: YSS Ballard Kids Club

Provider No.: 17922

Address: 105 E Main ST, Slater, IA, 50244

County: Story

Director's Name: Katie Highland

On-Site Supervisor: Taylor Kauffman

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HHS Visit Date: 09/15/2026

Licensing Period: 06/01/2026 to 06/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/25/2025

Comments: Fire inspections are due at least every three years. The inspection completed 9/25/25 was conducted by Seth Jones, Fire Inspector, Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing (DIAL)

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 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 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				75	75
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was conducted 9/15/26. The Kids club manager and on-site supervisor were present during the visit.

This YSS-Ballard Kids Club is located in the elementary school building in Slater. This building is for K-2nd grade and is called Ballard West. The 3rd-5th graders attend Ballard East which is in Cambridge. A school bus transports the students between the two schools and this site provides programming for K-5th grade.

This site is used year round. During the school year morning care is offered from 6:30-8:00 am. After school care is from 3-6:00 pm. Summer hours are 6:30 am-6:00 pm. Programming is held the multipurpose area of the school with tables and where the program is able to have group activities and/or homework etc. The program also uses the outdoor play ground at the school, along with gym.

Katie Highland is the program director. Katie has Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and has several years of child care/services related experience. Taylor Kauffman is the on-site supervisor.

This program, like YSS BASP/Summer programs in the area, has a variety of activities for independent play and for group activities. The children were content and staff were involved in the children's activity when this visit took place. The program area is clean and organized; there are handwashing posters as required along with ready access to restroom facilities. Tornado/Fire emergency diagrams were posted; and drills were documented to have been completed. Playground safety checks were also completed. Snacks are provided with milk. During the summer program, participants bring their own lunches, which are eaten cafeteria style. Medications are stored securely when needed; first aid kits are

readily available.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

YSS staff partner well with the school and are able to speak with the teachers regarding a child's day at school or any behavioral concerns. The school is very supportive of this program.

The staff are professional and invested in providing quality care. Staff communicate well with families.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were not aspects identified to fall below standard.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A new 2 year license is recommended.

The program works in concert with the school to complete radon testing. Radon testing was completed 11/2024 and all levels were below the 4.0 threshold for safety.

The program, being located in an active school, is exempt from licensing requirement for carbon monoxide alarms.

Date: 09/22/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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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