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

Name of Center: Montessori School Of Iowa City **Enrollment:** 97 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24263

Street: 374 Holiday Rd **City:** Coralville Iowa **Zip** 52241 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 374 Holiday Rd, Coralville, IA, 52241

Director's Name: Terrah Taggart **Phone Number:** 319-338-9650

On-Site Supervisor(s): Beth Zanzie **E-Mail:** headofschool@iowacity-montessori.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-15-2022

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-16-2021

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

Date Inspected: 09-26-2022

Comments : Does Comply.

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.) X 2 Years X 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		24	110	35	169
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2022 to 01-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 12-15-2022

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I arrived at Montessori School of Iowa City for an annual visit on 12/15/2022. The center is nonprofit. The center provides childcare to children two years old to school aged. The center has 97 children enrolled. The center is open Monday-Friday 7:30am-6:00pm.

The center is inside of a commercial building. They currently use 7 classrooms, a music room, studio, cafeteria, and office. The center's fire inspection was completed on 9/26/22.

The director is Terrah Taggart. She has a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Communications with a minor in Psychology. She started in 8/2019.

The on-site supervisor is Beth Zanzie. Beth started in 8/2004. She has a bachelor's degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education.

The center's curriculum is Montessori Based. They focus on practical life, sensorial, language, mathematics, science, geography, history and art.

The center has morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack.

The center does offer field trips for the elementary school children to the North Liberty Recreational Department.

All program space was observed. The areas observed included: classroom safety/activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observations, field trip/transportation practices, and file/policies/notebook review.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center's curriculum is Montessori Based. They focus on practical life, sensorial, language, mathematics, science, geography, history and art.
-The center has several pets including guinea pigs and hermit crabs.
-Classrooms are clean, welcoming to those who enter and have a wide variety of educational/engaging activities.
-The center has done an excellent job of maintaining staff. Judy started in 1997. Beth started in 2004. Kathy started in 2006. Heather started in 2007. Nafissa started in 2017.
-Teachers did an excellent job of being engaged with the children and at their level.

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

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, or

ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
-One child needed an annual update.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
-Radon testing must be completed every two years. Protocols are below:
https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/userfiles/120/Radon%20Testing%20Protocols%20for%20Iowa%20Child%20Care%20Centers%202019%20.pdf

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:

CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.