Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell - Eason Elementary

Provider No.: 52608

Address: 605 SE Boone Dr, Waukee, IA, 50263

County: Dallas

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes

On-Site Supervisor: Brenee Herrick

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HHS Visit Date: 10/26/2026

Licensing Period: 12/01/2026 to 12/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/01/2024

Comments: Waukee Fire Marshal. Inspections are due, per licensing rules, at least every three years. Waukee typically does these inspections more frequently.

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	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 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				150	150
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing inspection was conducted on 10/26/26. The on-site supervisor was present throughout the inspection.

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.

Beyond the Bell took over this child care program at Eason Elementary when they were given permission to open on 8/23/24. This is one of several Beyond the Bell programs in the western Des Moines suburbs. The program is owned by the Waukee School District. The center serves children who attend this school and they use their own learning curriculum with children. Children can attend in the AM and/or PM (6:30am - 8:40am and 3:30pm - 6:00pm) . There are also early out days throughout the school year. In the summer months, programming is 6:30am - 6:00pm. The center uses the cafeteria, gym, and outdoor playground area. On the day of the inspection, there were 71 children enrolled at this program.

The center director is Andrea Wilmes. Andrea is also the director over the other BTB programs as well as the Wee Care programs, and Vince Meyer Little Learners program. Andrea has a BA degree. The on-site supervisor at this location is Brenee Herrick. Brenee has an AA degree as well as past experience and training working in school-age child care programs.

NUTRITION: The center provides the AM and PM snacks during the summer months and no school days during the school year. During the school year, children can eat breakfast through the school if they have money in their school account. In the summer months and no school days, children are responsible for providing their own lunches. Children eat in the

cafeteria. All food storage was sufficient.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The center contract with the Waukee School District for a bus and driver. For all field trips, a first-aid kit and children's emergency contacts are taken along. Parents sign authorization for field trips annually.

PLAYGROUND: The center uses the school playground. There are two different climbing structure areas and a swing area. There is also a large blacktop area. There is a work order in place for some of the poured in place rubber that children have picked at. No issues were noted with any climbing structures or the swings. The building provides some shade. Monthly playground inspections are being conducted.

During the inspection, children were divided up into groups between the gym and the cafeteria. In the cafeteria, children were engaged in free-choice play with the items made available to them. In the gym, children were engaged in large motor activities. Staff were spaced out in both areas and interacting with children. Toys, tables, and other equipment are being cleaned and sanitized daily.

For more challenging child behaviors, there is a chart the program utilizes that includes, but limited to analyzing the situation, diving deeper , asking for assistance, communication between all parties involved, documentation, and teamwork. All of the BTB programs also have a behavioral specialist on staff who rotates throughout the district to provide assistance as needed.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This is one of many Beyond the Bell and Wee Care programs. They all have the same handbooks, policies, can share staff, etc. There is continuity.

Beyond the Bell took over this program and it meets a need in the community. Enrollment is steady

The center has a good working relationship with the families they served.

The center has a good relationship with other school personnel.

Staff reportedly work well with one another and communication is good.

The director and the on-site supervisor are organized.

There is a behavioral specialist is on staff.

The program enrolls transitional kindergarten children.

Monthly staff meetings are held at this center. In addition, all on-site supervisors meet monthly for meetings with the director.

Good staff-child interactions were observed throughout the inspection.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

No below standards were observed at this year's inspection.

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

N/A.

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

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

I -Power was discussed at the inspection. All staff should have I - Power profiles and continue to upload training certificates. If any staff are no longer employed at this program, they should be unlinked in I - Power.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended. The center application and payment was sent in on 10/7/26.

Date: 10/26/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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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