

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

**Name of Center:** Mustang Scholars Preschool **Enrollment:** 11 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47791

**Street:** 300 E 5th St **City:** Prairie City **Iowa Zip** 50228 **County:** Jasper

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 178, Prairie City, IA, 50228

**Director's Name:** Mary Catherine Striegel **Phone Number:** 515-994-2250

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** NA **E-Mail:** mustangscholarspreschool@gmail.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 10-30-2020

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received** X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-02-2020

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

**Date Inspected:** 12-04-2019

**Comments :**

**LICENSE TYPE:** **Child Care** X **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

**Financial Type:** Profit X Non-Profit NA

**Accreditation:** Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

**Program Serves:** Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

**SCHEDULE:** Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

<b>HOURS:</b>	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
<b>LICENSE CAPACITY</b>	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			16		16
Summer					0

**QRS Rating:** 4

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b>	
X	<b>FULL</b> license from 11-01-2020 to 11-01-2022
	<b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from
	<b>DENIAL</b> of initial application
	<b>SUSPENSION</b> of license
	<b>REVOCAION</b> of license

**Licensing Consultant:** Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

**Date:** 11-02-2020

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Mustang Scholars Preschool opened in September 2016. The preschool is held in the First Reformed Church. Programming is held in one classroom. The preschool also has access to other rooms nearby this classroom, where snack is served. The preschool serves children ages three and four years of age. Mary Catherine Striegel is the director/lead teacher. Mary Catherine has an Associates of Arts degree in Sign Language. She has many years of experience working with young children in the school setting as well as child care setting. Mary Catherine began working at the preschool in 2016.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. Mary Catherine was working today and she assisted with the visit. A three year old class was in session today. Three children were present. Another staff member was working today, in addition to Mary Catherine. Children were observed doing some craft activities, during teacher led group learning activities and child directed play.

Given the current COVID -19 pandemic, this worker time spent time discussing how the preschool is managing. There is extra time spent on cleaning and hand washing. Class times have been changed to allow extra cleaning. Parents are dropping children off at the entrance. Children's temperatures are taken when they arrive for the day. Soft furnishings and toys have been removed from the classrooms.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

The preschool participates in QRS and has achieved a four star rating. The preschool receives JMP Early Childhood Iowa and has received scholarships funds for children in need. Mary Catherine has a lot of experience working with young children.

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

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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