

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

**Name of Center:** Panther Academy **Enrollment:** 54 **License ID No. (Reapplications):** 36659

**Street:** 321 W South St **City:** Monticello **Iowa Zip:** 52310 **County:** Jones

**Mailing Address:** 321 W South St, Monticello, IA, 52310

**Director's Name:** Tammy Helgens **Phone Number:** 319-465-6882

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** N/A **E-Mail:** Tammy.Helgens@monticello.k12.ia.us

**Date(s) of Visit:** 06-14-2018

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received**  **Yes**  **No**  **NA**  **Date Signed:** 01-31-2017

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

**Date Inspected:** 09-13-2017

**Comments :** Does Comply.

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

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

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

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

**Get-Well**  **Evening Care**  **Special Needs**

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

<b>HOURS:</b>	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>
<b>LICENSE CAPACITY</b>	<b>Infants</b>	<b>2 Years</b>	<b>Preschool</b>
<b>General</b>			20
<b>Summer</b>			40
			60
			0

**QRS Rating:** N/A

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b>	
X	<b>FULL</b> license from 04-01-2017 to 04-01-2019
	<b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from
	<b>DENIAL</b> of initial application
	<b>SUSPENSION</b> of license
	<b>REVOCAION</b> of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

Date: 07-02-2018

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

N/A

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

Panther Academy is located inside of Shannon Elementary School.

An unannounced visit was completed on 6/14/18. All programming space was observed.

The center's approved fire inspection was completed on 9/13/17.

The director is Tammy Helgens. Tammy started in 2015. She has two years management experience and has also worked in the preschool/kindergarten classroom.

The center provides child care for approximately 54 children.

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

- The center has maintained core staff.
- The center offers fun field trips including: Niabi Zoo, Kernels Game, a play, roller skating, swimming, library, etc.
- They offer options at snack including grain, fruit, milk and water.
- A wide variety of age appropriate materials are available for the children to play.

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

109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.

- One employee did not have a current Iowa SING check.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

- The center missed a fire drill in 12/17. The center missed a fire and tornado drill in 5/18.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.

- School cleaning supplies was accessible in the hallway and janitor closet.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The center needs to work on their staff/parent/emergency handbooks. Several examples were sent to the center director. Once they are completed they should be sent to CCR&R for an initial review and then to this worker.

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.

I encourage you to contact your local nurse consultant. Child Care Nurse Consultants work with child care and early education businesses. Businesses may call or send questions to a child care nurse consultant about health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: <http://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants>

I encourage you to contact Child Care Resource and Referral. They offer centers assistance with meeting the DHS regulations, QRS, infant/toddler concerns, room arrangement and environment, developmental concerns, Best Practice information, CDA assistance, or any questions or concerns you may have. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: [http://www.iowaccrr.org/who\\_we\\_are/region\\_5/](http://www.iowaccrr.org/who_we_are/region_5/)

\*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.