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

Name of Center: Grimes KinderCare **Enrollment:** 78 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51538

Street: 1101 NE Gateway DR **City:** Grimes Iowa **Zip** 50111 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1101 NE Gateway DR, Grimes, IA, 50111

Director's Name: Alicia Hale **Phone Number:** 515-644-5282

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** ejhill86@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-15-2024

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:** 05-17-2023

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

Date Inspected: 12-14-2023

Comments : Johnston Fire Department

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

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

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

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	48	30	39	26	143
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2023 to 07-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 08-08-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Grimes KinderCare opened on 11/8/21. This daycare is one of many daycares owned and operated by KinderCare Corporation, a nationwide company. This child care center is located in a single standing building that has a secured entrance. This is a new building structure, built specifically for the child care center. Currently, the center is offering child care for children infancy through preschool age. The center has several classrooms in addition to a small indoor gym. The district manager of the center is Rachel Ross. The director of the center is Alicia Hales. Alicia has been with KinderCare since 2021.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the center's entrance. Classroom schedules and lesson plans are posted in individual classrooms. Classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys. Older children's classrooms have well defined interest centers.

Alicia was present and able to assist with today's visit. The center had seven classrooms in operation today.
Infant 1 classroom and eight infants present. Two staff were working in this classroom. Infant 2 had four infants present. One staff was working in this class. Toddler 2 class had thirteen children present. Two staff were working in this room. PS had seventeen children present. Three staff were working in this classroom. A PreK class (4's/5's) had twenty two children present. Two staff were working with this class.

The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus are on a four week rotation. Menus reviewed showed compliance with CACFP requirements.

The playgrounds have fencing. There is surf for surfacing material. The center completes monthly playground checklists.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

KinderCare centers are well supported. Grimes KinderCare will participate in the QRS quality initiative program in the future. The classrooms at the daycare are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, learning supplies and toys. The center receives the menus and the lesson plan/curriculums for all the classrooms.

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

There weren't any violations cited during the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*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.