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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Lovejoy

Provider No.: 36568

Address: 801 E Kenyon AVE, Des Moines, IA, 50315

County: Polk

Director's Name: Kelsi Stanley

On-Site Supervisor: Desirae Burkett

Phone Number: 5152427951

E-Mail: Kelsi.Stanley@dmschools.org

HHS Visit Date: 02/02/2026

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/24/2024

Comments:

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	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	2:30 PM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	2:30 PM to 5:30 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

Metro Kids - Lovejoy has offered child care services for school age children under Department of Education for many years. In 2014 the Metro Kids programs became licensed by DHS. The center uses the school's cafeteria/gym for programming space. The school has secured entrances. Kelsi Stanley is the administrative director of Metro Kids. Desirae Burkett is the on site supervisor. Desirae started in this role in September 2025.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were observed. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. The weekly lesson plan was posted. The February newsletter was posted. The center sets out interest areas in the cafeteria. The center keeps their supplies in a closet in the cafeteria.

Desirae assisted with today's visit. There were two staff working today. Twenty seven children were in attendance today. 21st Century is held at this school also. Twenty one children were going to 21st Century today. Six children were left for Metro programming. Children started in the cafeteria then went to the gym for large motor play activities. Children were playing pizza tag in the gym.

The center serves snack after school. The center gets snacks from the school. The snack menu was reviewed and showed compliance with CACFP requirements. Snack served today was crackers, apples and 100% juice.

The school's playground is maintained by school staff. There are basketball hoops and an area of grass. There are some climbing structures. Rubber tile is in place surfacing material. The center completes monthly playground checks.

Metro Kids uses school buses for off site field trips.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Metro Kids Programs do a good job maintaining administrative records. The center has a good amount of play materials for children's use. Children are offered large motor play activities through using the gym and playground.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations cited today.

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

NA

5. 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.

Date: 02/06/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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