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

**Name of Center:** Mustang Scholars Preschool **Enrollment:** 27 **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:** 11-08-2024

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:** 09-05-2024

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

**Date Inspected:** 09-11-2024

**Comments :**

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

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

**Accredition:** 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

| **HOURS:** | *Year-round* | *School-Year* | *Summer Only* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | | 16 | | 16 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** 1

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 11-01-2024 to 11-01-2026 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 11-15-2024

**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 has a secured entrance. The preschool also uses another room for serving snack. The preschool serves children ages three through five 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. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are posted at the entrance. The class schedule is posted. The lesson plan was available. The center uses Experience Early Learning curriculum. The center uses Bright Wheel for an app. The classroom has well defined, labeled interest centers throughout the classroom. There is a dream play center, science center, art area, sensory table, blocks, doll house, circle time and library.

Mary Catherine and the assistant teacher were working today. There were twelve children in attendance today. The class was the three's class. Children were observed during circle learning time, snack time and child directed play activities.

Parents provide the snacks served. The center provide parents with a list of credible snack items. The center provides milk, water and raisins. Snack served today was cheese crackers, milk, water and raisins.

The center doesn't provide transportation. The center walks to field trips.

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

The preschool participates in IQ4K and has a one 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. Administrative records are well maintained.

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

There were no licensing violations cited today.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

This center has a full license.

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