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# Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

## CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Ankeny Prep Preschool

Provider No.: 51927

Address: 602 SE Delaware Ave, Ankeny, IA, 50021

County: Polk

Director's Name: Sue Neumann

On-Site Supervisor: Whitney Neumann

Phone Number: 5154802500

E-Mail: preppreschool@gmail.com

HHS Visit Date: 01/28/2026

Licensing Period: 02/01/2025 to 02/01/2027

**Fire Inspection:**

Date Inspected: 09/12/2023

Comments: Fire inspections due at least every three years.  Ankeny Fire Dept

**Report Visit Type:**

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

**License Type:**

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

**Quality initiative:**

- [ ] Accrediation

**Program Duration:**

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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| HOURS: | *Year-round* | *School-Year* | *Summer Only* |
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| Sunday | | | |
| Monday | | 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM | |
| Tuesday | | 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM | |
| Wednesday | | 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM | |
| Thursday | | 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM | |
| Friday | | 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM | |
| Saturday | | | |

**Program Population Served:**

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Aged | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | | 48 | | 48 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**1. Basic Overview**

An unannounced licensing visit was completed 1-28-26;  both director and co director were present for this visit.

This preschool has been operating for many years and was acquired by Sue and Whitney Neumann in 2022.  Sue Neumann is listed as the director and Whitney is listed as the assistant director (On-Site Supervisor); they are mother and daughter. The intent is to list both as co-directors.  Sue has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and seven years of experience as a preschool director, as well as 15 years of teaching experience.  Whitney has both a Master's degree and a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.  She has twelve years of teaching experience.  Both meet qualifications for their positions.

Preschool is held MWF from 9:00-noon for the Pre-Kindergarten (4-5) year old children. The three year old children meet on T/TH 9:00-11:30 am. This is a school year only program.

This preschool meets in the Fellowship Hall in the United Church of Christ. The preschool rents the space from the church. There is no affiliation or financial support from the church to the preschool. When the preschool is in session the church doors are locked. The Fellowship Hall is a very large and open classroom. There is a sink in the room, and the kitchen area is connected to the Fellowship Hall. The bathrooms are just down the hallway in the main part of the church. Staff always accompany the children when they go to the bathroom.  The program can also use the Sanctuary for large motor play or individual groups.  There is green space by the church that can be used for outdoor time, as well as a city park right next to the church that can be used for outdoor play.  The teachers were leading a group activity and had split the group in two. The children were very interactive, engaged and content.

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The program uses their own curriculum, pulled from Iowa Early Learning Standards. It is pulled from the Handwriting without Tears and Hagerty Curriculum. Weekly themes and lesson plans are created. They communicate with the Ankeny School District to see what children need to start Kindergarten.

Nutrition: Healthy Snacks are provided by a parent for the group; which is shared family style in the classroom. Adjustments are made for children that present with allergies. This program offers the children milk.

Playground--there is a green space for play adjacent outside the classroom and nearby park.

Transportation/Field Trips: parents provide transportation for field trips.

Administrative Review: Information for mandatory reporter, handbook accessibility, consultant contact, license, fire/tornado emergency plans and non-smoking signs were posted. This center has an established policy. Four staff files were reviewed with two needing updated SING checks; and six child files reviewed, containing all necessary information.

**2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program**

The preschool has a strong partnership with the church.

Sue and Whitney are certified and licensed teachers with several years of combined experience in elementary and preschool education. They love children and strive to make learning fun, while also meeting the needs of the children and looking at the whole child.

This program has a secure entrance.

Newsletters are sent out to parents on a monthly basis.

The preschool has a public and a private Facebook page. Pictures and blurbs about the day are posted on the private Facebook page.

**3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard**

109.6(4)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. The director will repeat the SING check now and as needed or every two years.

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

N/A.

**5. Special Notes/Recommendations**

Radon testing was completed 1/2026 and all tested below 4.0.

The church inspects the furnace annually.

Date: 02/09/2026

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.