Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Kids West-Crestview Elementary

Provider No.: 41572

Address: 8355 Franklin Ave, Clive, IA, 50325

County: Polk

Director's Name: Ashley Kunz

On-Site Supervisor: Jasmin Echeverria

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HHS Visit Date: 08/28/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2024 to 10/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/15/2025

Comments: Clive Fire Marshal. Inspections for licensing are due at least every three years.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] 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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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	0	150	150
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 8/28/25. The director and the on-site supervisor were both present for the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Kids West Crestview is a school-age program located within the Crestview Elementary School in Clive. The center predominately uses the gym, cafeteria, a classroom (sparingly used), and outdoor playground area. The program was given permission to open under HHS supervision on 8/22/14. Previous to this date, the center was under the Department of Education's supervision. There is a before and after school component as well as a full-day component during the summer and no school days. Before school hours are 6:30am - 8:20am and after school hours are 3:10pm - 6:00pm (with the exception of early out days which are on Wednesdays). Full day programming is 6:30am - 6:00pm.

The center is overseen by a Board and owned by the West Des Moines School District. Ashley Kunz is the new director of this program as well as all the other Kids West programs. Ashley has a BA degree and has past experience working in child care. Her past experience includes being an area director for another program that had multiple sites. The on-site supervisor of this location is Jasmin Echeverria. Jasmin has worked with school-age child care programs for several years and meets the qualifications for on-site supervisor.

During the inspection, most children were observed in the cafeteria and playing with the different learning stations made available to them. Some children were specifically doing art projects and some children were playing with blocks and dramatic play toys. Staff were spaced out among the playing children. Another staff member was observed washing and sanitizing tables.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The director has regular meetings/phone calls with other directors of school programs in the western suburbs.

On-site supervisors of the Kids West programs have weekly meetings with each other.

The on-site supervisor at this center has monthly staff meetings with her staff.

A nutritionist reviews all meals items.

Staff use walkie-talkies to communicate with each other if they are in different areas of the building.

The center has a good mix of tenured and new staff members. The on-site supervisor continues to believe she has a good team and they work well together.

Overall, there is a good working relationship with other school personnel. The program also has a behavior interventionalist who assists as needed between the eight Kids West programs.

Staff pictures are posted by the main parent board.

The center has four Spanish speaking staff members as well as two Bosnian speaking staff members.

The center has a lot of storage space.

A new playground structure was installed within the past year.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.4(2): Postings are required for: The certificate of license.
The center had an older, expired license posted. The current one was again emailed to the program after the visit concluded.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they serve school-age children in a school building.

The center contacts with the school district and take a school bus for transportation on field trips.

The school provides the snacks and lunches for children.

I - Power and IQ4K were again discussed with the director at the visit. All staff will need to be connected to this program (Kids West programs) and continue to upload training certificates.

It is recommended that outdoor floor mats be purchased and placed under swings and at the bottom of slides. This will help preserve the wood chip surfacing throughout the year.

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Date: 09/04/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nathan Knepper

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