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

Name of Center: Graettinger Terril CSD Preschool **Enrollment:** 14 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30269

Street: 101 S Schooley St **City:** Terril Iowa **Zip** 51364 **County:** Dickinson

Mailing Address: 400 W Lost Island ST, Graettinger, IA, 51342

Director's Name: Shannon Lange **Phone Number:** 712-853-6111

On-Site Supervisor(s): Connie Miller **E-Mail:** slange@gt.ratitans.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-30-2024

Licensing Visit **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:** 09-05-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-24-2024

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **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*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			21		21
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2023 to 11-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 11-20-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 10-30-24 and spoke with director/teacher Shannon Knaak. Shannon Knaak has an elementary education degree and several years of experience working with children, including teaching Kindergarten, Headstart, and doing in-home childcare. Terril Preschool is located in a room in Terril Community School. this school year they changed to where they only serve 4 year old preschoolers. They are offering a 3year old preschool seperate at their Grattenger site. They do combine the classroom with special education. Because of now just serving 4 year old preschool their hours/days changed for this school year. The preschool serves children 4 years old on Monday-Thursday 8:15am to 3:30pm. They offer both half and full day programs.

There are 14 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 11 children present. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, five senses, globe of the world, picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, leading the children in exercise, reminding the children about rules, engaging the children in activities, sitting at the tables with the children during meals and reading stories to the children. Staff had good interaction with the children. The center utilizes the Creative Curriculum and Gold.

The school provides breakfast and lunch for the children. Parents provide snacks. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted. They do administer medication, however they have no children currently needing medications. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Radon test completed within normal range. Annual heating inspection was completed. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place.

They have a fenced-in playground adjacent to the school. A large gym is available for the children to use during inclement weather. The playground has climbing equipment, slides, balance beam, tunnel, swings and teeter totter. The surfacing are rubber mulch around all the equipment. The children are transported to and from the preschool by the school bus. The preschool has taken field trips throughout the year using the school bus.

The program is very organized and staff engage with the children.

Goals of the program are for the program to complete the IQ4K process and to add to the playground and add a nature playground area.

Strengths of the program is good support and communication with the families that they serve. The preschool also collaborates and networks with other preschools in their area.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Preschool has conferences for the parents twice a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

They do two home visits a year.

Preschool sends home monthly newsletters to let parents know what is going in the classroom.

Center is well organized.

Part of the preschool initiative. Uses GOLD, Creative Curriculum, and Ages with Stages assessments.

Very positive interaction with the children.

Picture schedule of daily activities for the children

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 3

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: information was missing

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended to update the licensing binder. Some information was sent in after the visit.

Program will email consultant by 12-20-24 confirming that items that are below standards have been completed.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year

*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.