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

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell - Eason Elementary **Enrollment:** 74 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52608

Street: 605 SE Boone Dr **City:** Waukee Iowa **Zip** 50263 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 430 Ashworth Dr, Waukee, IA, 50263

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes **Phone Number:** 515-987-5161

On-Site Supervisor(s): Brenee Herrick **E-Mail:** awilmes@waukeeschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 11-04-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

X **New Application** **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-06-2024

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

Date Inspected: 10-01-2024

Comments : Waukee Fire Marshal. Inspections are due at least every three years. Waukee typically does annual inspections.

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 Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

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

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2024 to 12-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 11-05-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 11/4/24. The on-site supervisor was present throughout 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.

Beyond the Bell took over the child care program at Eason Elementary when they were given permission to open on 8/23/24. This is one of several Beyond the Bell programs in the western Des Moines suburbs. The program is owned by the Waukee School District. The center serves children who attend this school and they use their own learning curriculum with children. Children can attend in the AM and/or PM. There are also early out days throughout the school year. In the summer months, programming is 6:30am - 6:00pm. The center uses the cafeteria, gym, and outdoor playground area.

The center director is Andrea Wilmes. Andrea is also the director over the other BTB programs as well as the Wee Care programs located in Waukee. Andrea has a BA degree. The on-site supervisor at this location is Brenee Herrick. Brenee has an AA degree as well as past experience and training working in school-age child care programs.

During the visit, children were divided up between the gym and the cafeteria. In the gym, children were engaged in a large motor activity where they were on teams and competing with each other in a racing game. In the cafeteria, it was "sugar schools" the children were engaged in. Children were divided up into different groups doing art projects together. Staff were interacting and engaging with children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is one of many Beyond the Bell and Wee Care programs. They all have the same handbooks, policies, can share staff, etc. There is continuity.

Beyond the Bell took over this program as it meets a need in the community.

The center has a good working relationship with the families they served.

The center has a good relationship with other school personnel.

Staff reportedly work well with one another and communication is good.

The director and the on-site supervisor are organized.

There are behavioral specialists and a curriculum specialist on staff.

Good staff-child interactions were observed throughout the visit.

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: 1. While the approval form and documentation indicating the record check was completed (as was fingerprinting results), the actual SING results form was missing in a staff member's file.

109.12(1): Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
The full-day schedule posted was incomplete.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they are located within a school building and only serve school-age children.

For transportation/field trips, the center contract with the Waukee School District for a bus and driver.

All staff will need I-Power profiles and be uploading training certificates into I-Power.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.