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

Name of Center: Prince Of Peace Preschool & Childcare **Enrollment:** 38 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18562

Street: 245 26th Ave N **City:** Clinton Iowa **Zip** 52732 **County:** Clinton

Mailing Address: 245 26th Ave N, Clinton, IA, 52732

Director's Name: Mary Jensen **Phone Number:** 563-242-9258

On-Site Supervisor(s): none **E-Mail:** mary.jensen@staff.prince.pvt.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 01-09-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 01-05-2024

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: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 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*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	13	7	26		46
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 01-31-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 1/9/25. This program is owned and operated by the Prince of Peace Catholic School and overseen by the school board. The center operates out of its own building that is not part of the school. This center has been in operation prior to being licensed by DHS being overseen by the Department of Education. Mary Jensen is the DHS qualified center director and was present along with several other staff on the day of the licensing visit. This center serves infants through preschool aged children during the school year only on school days. The program does have an Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program in the building, but that aspect of the program is not licensed by DHS.

The following preschool and/or program rooms are licensed by DHS; fours room, threes room (three through four year old children), twos room (18 months through two year old children), and nursery. Program rooms were generally well organized and supplied with an adequate amount of accessible, well maintained materials to support programming needs. The center uses separated boys and girls hallway restroom areas. Children do have to travel from the program space for all toilet and most hand washing functions. Both restroom areas include diapering stations. The nursery includes a diaper station within the room as well as two separated sinks, one for food/bottle preparation and one for hand washing. The large lower level room is used for indoor large motor space. There are hallway restroom areas located on the lower level. All program space was observed.

The center does not participate in the CACFP but knows they shall meet those requirements for all meals and snacks served. The center serves snack, lunch, and snack. Parents pay one fee per day that covers all meals and snacks. Lunch now comes prepared from the Prince of Peace school delivered to the center. Final preparation of lunch service and snacks then take place in the small kitchen area of the center. The kitchen area is organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center continues to be managed by an experienced and qualified director. Program rooms are colorfully painted and are bright with windows. Program rooms are very nicely arranged with accessible materials and are organized. The center appears clean and well maintained. The center is decorated with the children's projects and creations as well as photo postings of the children. Extra books and other materials are very organized at the center. The staff and director appear to work well together and were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities.
Licensing documentation and child files were found to be highly organized.

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

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.
1. Some meal/snack components are not credible per CACFP.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

1. Ensure food/food service items are only set on surfaces free of clutter and that have been properly cleaned and sanitized immediately prior as required.
2. Ensure daily information provided to parents for all children not yet two years old includes the "general summary of activities".

The center will continue with a full license. Please address the violation(s) and/or concern(s) noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

*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.