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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: North Scott Child Care-Grissom

Provider No.: 39521

Address: 500 Lost Grove Rd, Princeton, IA, 52768

County: Scott

Director's Name: Theresa Tobin

On-Site Supervisor: Ashley Neilson

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HHS Visit Date: 09/04/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2024 to 11/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/03/2023

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] 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
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			18	25	43
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 9/4/25. Theresa Tobin is the center director. Theresa was present on the day of this visit along with other staff. Theresa is the center director for all three of the North Scott Child Care child care sites and has a B.A. degree in elementary education. The center is non-profit and is owned and operated by the North Scott Community School District. The center is governed by the school board and an advisory board. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program for the HHS licensed portion of the program, though this is offered through the school (not HHS licensed). Children who attend that program may attend the licensed child care program for child care services before and/or after preschool. The school age children who attend this program before and after school on school days are from this school only. Children from any location may attend this program on non school days.

The center uses room 24 and the gymnasium for child care. Room 24 and the gym are used by all of the children. Room 24 includes a centers type arrangement with sufficient amount of accessible materials to support program activities. Room 21 may be used for a short period of time during the summer when deep cleaning is being done completed for room 24. The director reports the center has some games and art supplies as well as balls for large motor play brought out on a cart or from a cabinet in the gym for school age care. Children have to travel for all hand washing and restroom activities. The girls' restroom area used for room 24 includes a wall diaper station. Requirements for ratio, supervision including for restroom and hand washing activities (school age children included) have been reviewed with director considering the travel required for all of these activities. All program space was observed.

The center serves breakfast, snack, lunch, and snack. The center does participate in the CACFP. The center uses the school's staff kitchen/breakroom area (or another custodial space) for dish washing and occasionally for food preparation if the stove/oven is needed. Room 24 includes a refrigerator/freezer unit for the center's food storage as well as a microwave. Breakfast and snack are prepared on site. The school provides lunch to the program on school days. The lunches are prepared at the North Scott High School IDPH licensed kitchen and are brought to this school location by school personnel. All children are required to bring lunch from home on non-school days. The director states the center is careful to ensure non-school age children's lunches are monitored for CACFP requirements and substitutions are provided by the center. She stated the center does supply the milk for all lunches.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center director is an experienced and educated director as noted above. The staff work well together and are experienced having been with the program for at least several years. The program provides a needed resource for the school and surrounding area. The program room is bright with windows and decorated in colorful themes, and includes accessible materials. Materials appear generally organized and books are abundant and arranged by topic. Staff were observed to be

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highly engaged with children in activities at this visit. Room 24 includes Smartboard technology. The licensing binder and staff and child files were found to be organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

N/A

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

1. Please complete radon testing for room 21.

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.

Date: 09/22/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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.

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