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

**Name of Center:** North Liberty's BEST Academy **Enrollment:** 46 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52078

**Street:** 530 Pond View Dr **City:** North Liberty Iowa **Zip** 52317 **County:** Johnson

**Mailing Address:** 2653 Wayland Rd, Washington, IA, 32353

**Director's Name:** Heather Cummings **Phone Number:** 319-600-2679

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Chloe Whitmore **E-Mail:** northlibertysbestsummercamp@yahoo.com

**Date(s) of Visit:**

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received** X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-19-2022

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

**Date Inspected:** 03-07-2024

**Comments :** Does Comply.

**LICENSE TYPE:** X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

**Financial Type:** X Profit 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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
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| General | 0 | 0 | 10 | 47 | 57 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 05-01-2025 to 05-01-2027 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Heidi Brown **Date:** 08-12-2025

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Administrative Change: The center is adding preschool aged children to meet the needs of children/families. They will be providing care to 10 preschool aged children and 47 school aged children.

This worker arrived at NORTH LIBERTY'S BEST ACADEMY - 52078 for an annual visit on 5/22/2025. The fire inspection was completed on 3/7/2024. The center is for profit. The center is owned by Heather Cummings. The center is in a commercial building. The center has 3 classrooms, a large motor room, kitchen and office.

The center is open year around. The hours of operation are 6:30am-6:00pm. The center provides care for preschool-school aged children. The center's current enrollment is 46.

The director is Heather Cummings. Heather opened the center in 2023.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. This worker observed the children washing hands and having snack. Classrooms are clean and nicely organized. The children do have access to a wide variety of age appropriate and engaging activities.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed including handwashing, medication management, appropriate cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting, excluding ill children/staff, incident reports, and first aid kits.

Nutritional practices and food safety were observed. The center offers breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook including emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, HVAC testing and policies were reviewed.

The center does communicate with parents via: Brightwheel, emails, a Public Facebook Page, in person conversations, phone calls and text messages.

The center's curriculum is teacher created utilizing the following curriculum: Creative Curriculum. The center provides transportation to and from every school in North Liberty. They also offer field trips.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

-The center's website is: https://www.northlibertysbestacademy.com/
-The center's staff files, child files and licensing notebook were in full compliance.
-The center uses Brightwheel for parent communication.

-The center director has established a working relationship with CCR&R.

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

N/A

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The center will be issued a full license. This worker encourages you to develop a working relationship with your Child Care Resource and Referral Child Care Consultant: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/ and you Healthy Child Care Iowa Nurse Consultant: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci. These two agencies are a wonderful resource to help centers be successful.

Please do not hesitate to contact the licensing consultant, Heidi Brown, if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 515-631-8846 or heidi.brown@hhs.iowa.gov

*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.