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

Name of Center: KID STATION AT HERITAGE **Enrollment:** 105 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 49085

Street: 500 NE Beaverbrooke Blvd **City:** Grimes Iowa **Zip** 50111 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: PO Box 425, Dallas Center, IA, 50063

Director's Name: Kathi Fox **Phone Number:** 515-778-6118

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** kidstationatheritage@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-10-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-15-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-20-2023

Comments : Grimes/Johnston Fire Marshal. Per licensing, inspections are due at least every three years.

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	0	0	0	120	120
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 12-11-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 12/10/24. The director 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.

Kid Station at Heritage is a school-age center located in the Heritage Elementary School in Grimes, IA. The center was given permission to open under HHS (formerly known as DHS) supervision on 8/23/17. The center serves school-age children who attend this elementary school and the other two elementary schools in Grimes. There is a before school component that runs 6:30am - 7:45am and an after school component that runs 3:15pm - 6:00pm. Every Wednesday is an early out and programming on those days starts at 1:00pm. During the summer and no school days, the center is open 6:30am - 6:00pm. The center primarily uses the cafeteria and outdoor playground area, but they also have access to the gym on certain days.

The center is overseen by a Board. The center director as of 6/2023 is Kathi Fox. Kathi has worked in the school system and child care system for a number of years. Kathi was also previously the on-site supervisor at this location. The center does not currently have an on-site supervisor. The business manager of the center is Jill Bejarno.

During the visit, children were observed in the cafeteria, hallway, and outdoor playground area. Staff were spaced out and supervising and interacting with children. In the cafeteria, children were observed at different tables and playing with the learning stations made available to them. Children gave this consultant specific information on where they go for monthly fire and tornado drills.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The director is organized.

The center has a business manager.

Monthly staff meetings are held. Management buys food for staff to eat during these meetings. A staff recognition program is utilized for recognizing good work done by staff. Management also puts on employee gatherings for staff a couple of times throughout the year

Monthly Board meetings are held.

Good staff and child interactions and redirection were observed and overheard.

The director stated staff continue to work well together. Staff enjoy their job duties and enjoy working with children.

Parents are actively kept informed of programming/communication. "Remind App" is used for communication with parents.

The center has a good working relationship with other school personnel.

Enrollment is steady.

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

109.9(1)a: All files contain statement signed by staff indicating whether they have a criminal conviction or founded child/dependent adult abuse.
Number not in compliance: 2 staff did not have the employee/sub/volunteer statement forms in their files.

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 staff member did not have a physical in their file.

109.9(2)c: All files contain information regarding the specific health and medical needs of a child including information regarding any prescribed treatment.
For school-age programs in the child's school, all files include a statement signed by the parent that the immunization information is available in the school file.
Number not in compliance: 3 children were missing health statements. THIS HAS BEEN AN ISSUE THREE YEARS IN A ROW NOW.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines. Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.
1. Fruit snacks are not considered credible per CACFP.
2. The times between lunch and PM snack need to be no more than three hours apart. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Because the center is located in a school building and only serves school-age children, they are exempt from environmental testing.

The center generally contracts with the school district to take a school bus on field trips. Field trips are only taken during the summer months.

I - Power was discussed at the visit. It appears all or the majority of staff have I - Power profiles, however, only one staff member had 2024 training certificates uploaded.

This consultant's most current posting was emailed to the director after the visit concluded. The center had an older version posted.

The employee/sub/volunteer statement form was emailed to the director after the visit concluded.

The CACFP smart phone app was discussed at the visit.

It is recommended a CACFP credible cereal/snack be offered to one child who has some behavioral issues rather than non credible cereal/snack.

CCR&R (Child Care Resource and Referral) is available, free of charge to centers, and they can assist with a number of licensing regulations up to and including child behaviors.

This consultant was informed that staff have completed CPR/First-Aid a while ago, but these were not in files and not in I - Power. These certificates need to be in files and in I - Power in a more timely manner.

*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.