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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Strong Roots Christian School

Provider No.: 52586

Address: 2205 W 2nd Ave, Indianola, IA, 50125

County: Warren

Director's Name: Erin Shearer

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 12/15/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 07/11/2024

Comments: 12/5/24 - date of compliance

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Tuesday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Wednesday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Thursday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Friday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Saturday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	

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			42	34	76
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Strong Roots Christian School has been in operation since August 2022. The school is located in a single standing building. The school provides preschool as well as before and after school child care, which became licensed with HHS in August 2024. These programs are owned and operated under the church's governing board. The center uses a two classrooms and the lunch room for programming. The capacity for the preschool rooms are eighteen and twenty four. The capacity for the lunch room is thirty four. The school has a secured entrance. This preschool is for children ages three through five years. Erin Shearer is the director.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the school's entrance. Schedules are posted in preschool classrooms. Current lesson plans are posted and/or available. Each classroom has age appropriate learning supplies, toys and furnishings. Children's coats and backpacks are kept on hooks in the hallway. Children's art work is displayed in classrooms and the hallway.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. Erin Shearer assisted with today's visit. Preschool 1 had thirteen children in attendance today. Two teachers work in this room. These children are four and five years old and one six child. There were seventeen children in Preschool 2. Two teachers work in this classroom. These children are ages three and four. The child care program wasn't in operation during the visit. Children were observed during instructional time. Preschool 1 had a Christmas party today so there were several parents present also.

The school and preschool has parents provide snacks and children also bring their own lunches. The preschool provides milk. The center provides parents with a list of CACFP lunch requirements and snack requirements. The school offers additional food items when needed.

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The school has an outdoor playground that is divided in two areas. There is fencing around the playground. Wood mulch is used for surfacing material. The center has completed monthly playground checks. There are a few climbing structures in place.

The center does not provide transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center offers wrap around care so children can attend all day programming. The director has done a lot of work to work towards licensing with HHS.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were several children's files missing current physicals.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has a full license.

Date: 12/23/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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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