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

Name of Center: Cadence Academy Preschool - Iowa City **Enrollment:** 84 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24244

Street: 325 S Dubuque St **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52240 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 325 S Dubuque ST, Iowa City, IA, 52240

Director's Name: Jean Grauer **Phone Number:** 319-621-7349

On-Site Supervisor(s): Molly DeWolf **E-Mail:** director.iowacity@cadence-academy.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-19-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-16-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-06-2023

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 X NAEYC NSACA Other NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	48	22	44		114
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2023 to 07-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 12-22-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Cadence Academy Preschool on 12/19/2023. The center provides care for infants-preschool aged children. The center is open Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 6:00pm. The center has 84 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. They utilize eight classrooms, kitchen, teacher workroom and offices. The center is for profit. The center's fire inspection was completed onb7/6/2023.

The director is Jean Grauer. Jean has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She has been with Cadence since 10/2006.

The onsite supervisor is Molly DeWolf. Molly has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Associate's Early Childhood Development. She has been with Cadence since 8/2019.

The center uses Ascend Curriculum. The Ascend Curriculum combines skill-based learning across 9 different learning domains, including literacy, math, science, physical fitness, creative expression, social-emotional development, cultural understanding, technology and language.

This worker observed all programming space and reviewed the curriculum.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times.

The center completed radon testing as required. The center completed an annual fuel burning appliance inspection and had a carbon monoxide detector installed as required.

The center's outdoor play area was inspected.

The center does not offer field trips.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has NAEYC Accreditation.
-The center uses Ascend Curriculum. The Ascend Curriculum combines skill-based learning across 9 different learning domains, including literacy, math, science, physical fitness, creative expression, social-emotional development, cultural understanding, technology and language.

-The center uses Kaymbu for open parent communication.
-The center works with Area Education Agency.
-Child and staff files were in full compliance.
-Staff did an excellent job of being at the children's level.

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

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.
-Expired medication must be replaced by the parents. Prescription medications must have a label from the pharmacist. This worker encouraged the director to place emergency medication, medication authorization, a picture of the child and action plan in a red pencil bag. This should be placed on a command hook above the light switch to ensure that all staff know where emergency medications are located. Please keep in mind that emergency medications must be inaccessible to children; however not locked up.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Choking hazards must be inaccessible to children under the age of three years. This includes the hallway.

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks. Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted.
-Meals and snacks were not credible. The director must review the following: https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/crediting-handbook-child-and-adult-care-food-program
-Children that need diet modifications must have the following form completed:
https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/2800/download?inline=

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.