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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: St Joseph's Daycare

Provider No.: 19129

Address: 403 Park St, Bellevue, IA, 52031

County: Jackson

Director's Name: Heather Weber

On-Site Supervisor: Megan Goedken

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HHS Visit Date: 05/12/2026

Licensing Period: 08/01/2025 to 08/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/02/2025

Comments: Room 1121 inspected with school inspection on 9/16/24.

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

Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	20	25	61	13	119
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 5/12/26. The center director, Heather Weber, was present along with other staff. Heather has a Bachelor's Degree in early childhood and elementary education with an endorsement in special education. Heather has been with the center for 20 years. Heather accompanied the licensing consultant throughout the majority of the visit. The center is owned and operated by the St. Joseph's Catholic Church and School. There is a school board that oversees the school and the child care. The center uses designated space within the elementary school building. The center provides before and after school care and non-school day school age child care for children from this school as well as for children from the public school. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool program, however, the school offers that program. The center director states the center uses a theme based weekly curriculum and monthly calendar. The center reports enrollment of 98 children.

The program includes the following program rooms on the main floor of the building that are currently in use: "Big Dogs Room" (room 1123, three year old preschool school year, school age child care after school and non school days), "Little Einsteins Room" (room 1106, three through five year old child care), "Little Ducklings Room" (room 1105, 18 months through three years), "Itty Bitty Room" (six week to 18 months), and Four's Preschool Room (four/five year old child care after prek program). Program rooms are spacious, organized, and bright with large windows. Program rooms generally include an ample supply of materials to support program needs. The main floor includes hallway restrooms near the licensed space separated for boys and girls with several toilets/urinals/sinks in each. The Big Dogs Room and the Little Einsteins Room each have a hand washing sink in the room, but children from these rooms all have to travel to use the restroom. The Little Ducklings Room includes one diaper station and two hand washing sinks within the program room. The room includes an adjacent toilet room. The hand washing sinks are located just outside the toilet room door. The room also includes a sink used for food preparation activities only. The Itty Bitty Room includes two diaper stations and three

separate sinks, one used for food/bottle prep and dish washing activities only. There are hallway restroom areas with multiple toilets and sinks for boys and girls near the gym as well.

The children are able to use the gym area as well for indoor large motor activity. The gym is used for child care for school age children before and after school and also the school age children eat lunch here on non school days.

All program space was observed.

The center does not participate in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. Breakfast and snack items are prepared in the daycare and infant program rooms. Lunch comes from the IDPH licensed school kitchen. The license for the kitchen is current.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center director has been with the center for many years and is qualified by experience and education as noted above. The staff appear to work well together. The program rooms are bright with windows and provide ample space for program activities. The rooms are generally well stocked with accessible materials, furnishings that appear to be age appropriate, and are generally well organized. The children's projects are displayed throughout the center. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities throughout the center. The building appears to be clean and well maintained. The center director reports that new lighting has been installed in the rooms since the last licensing visit. Licensing documentation in the licensing binder was found to be organized at this visit.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(1)a: All files contain:Copy of a department criminal history record check form or any other permission form approved by Department of Public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history record checkCopy of a request for child abuse information form, when applicable.Copies of results of Iowa record checks conducted through the SING for review by the department upon request.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any department issued documents sent to the center related to a record check, regardless of findings.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed Iowa record check is not complete.

109.9(1)b: 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.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed physical expired July 2024.

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have first aid and cpr certification (only the online portion completed) and mandatory child abuse reporter certification due 9/2024.

109.9(2)h: Signed and dated valid Certificate of Immunization, Certificate of Immunization Exemption, or Provisional Certificate of Immunization, provided by the department must be on file for each child enrolled as required by Iowa Administrative Code 641—7.
1. _2_ certificates reviewed were not valid. Valid certificate required before a child can attend the center.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that:Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.Sufficient lighting shall be provided.Sufficient ventilation.Sufficient heating.Sufficient cooling.Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.
1. Staff bags/purses accessible to the children in the four year old preschool/childcare room.

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

N/A

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon test for the four's preschool room received on 6/24/26. Report can be completed.

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management
I discussed with (director) their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance.
1. Most of the time my staff will talk to the children about the behavior and what is expected of them, if the behavior happens again then they will sit in time out/break. If it happens a 3rd time they will come and get me or Megan to help with the situation.
2. I let me staff know that if they ever need a break, need help with a situation/ behavior they can ask myself or another staff to step in. If I am in ratio I will switch rooms with the staff to help change the environment!
3. I check in with each room daily and just walk around the center many times through out the day!! I will also check with staff during lunch breaks if they need anything, how the day is going, etc.

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

1. Staff file compliance and organization needs immediate attention. Please ensure a tracking system is being utilized to assist with compliance.
2. Ensure food/menu items meet CACFP requirements including for snack items.
3. Ensure current lesson/activity plans and schedules are posted for each room/program.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

Date: 06/22/2026

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.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.