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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Discoveries Learning Center - Eagle St Campus

Provider No.: 52115

Address: 541 E Eagle St, Denver, IA, 50622

County: Bremer

Director's Name: Angie Holman & Becky O'Donnell

On-Site Supervisor: Alexandra "Lexie" Lund

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HHS Visit Date: 10/23/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2025 to 10/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/10/2023

Comments:

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		6:30 AM to 5:45 PM	
Tuesday		6:30 AM to 5:45 PM	
Wednesday		6:30 AM to 5:45 PM	
Thursday		6:30 AM to 5:45 PM	
Friday		6:30 AM to 5:45 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	0	120	120
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

On 10/23/25 I made an unannounced licensing visit to Discoveries Learning Center-Eagle Street Campus. I met with Angie Holman, a director. She has been with the Discoveries program since August 2014. She has a BS in an unrelated field. Ms. Holman has received her National Administrator's Credential (NAC). I also met with Alexandra "Lexie" Lund, the on-site supervisor. Ms. Lund has worked for Discoveries since September 2020. She is in school pursuing an unrelated degree. Kathy Bohlmann is the owner. Ms. Bohlmann has a BA in early childhood and elementary education. She has previous experience as a director, is a Child Care Resource and Referral instructor and she has worked for Head Start. Ms. Bohlmann is also the director and owner of the Discoveries Learning Center-Denver Campus and the Discoveries Learning Center-Waverly Campus. Ms. Bohlmann received her National Administrator's Credential (NAC). Becky O'Donnell is also a director. Ms. O'Donnell has been employed with Discoveries for four years and has a BA in elementary education. The center employs eleven staff members.

The center is in the former Denver High School building. The elementary school is also located in this building. They were given permission to open on 08/21/23. The program operates Monday through Friday from 6:30-8:00 am and 3:10-5:45 pm. On Wednesdays the afternoon hours are 1:45-5:45 pm. The program serves school-age children. They will only operate on school days during the school year. When there is no school the school-age children will be cared for at Discoveries Learning Center-Denver Campus. There are 106 children enrolled. The program space has a capacity of 120 children.

The center operates out of the following rooms: there is a kindergarten room (which also serves as the morning childcare room for all ages), two first grade rooms, a second grade room and a room for third through fifth graders. There is a bonus room that is used to store snacks/storage. An inspection of each room was completed. Windows provide natural lighting. Some of the rooms are decorated with the children's art projects.

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The centers observed at the center include library, blocks/Legos, table toys, games, puzzles, transportation, arts/crafts, dramatic play, math, magnets and woodworking. Centers were arranged in a manner that allowed easy movement between activities, but it also allowed for clear supervision by staff members. Materials were in good condition. The materials are located at child level, so they are easily accessible to the children.

I visited the program during the afternoon program. The program was in ratio. The number of children present at the program is always changing because of children arriving and leaving.

There is a phone in each room and emergency numbers with the program's address and phone number and poison control's number were posted. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted by all the main program doors and outdoor exits throughout the center. A daily schedule is posted in each room.

There are bathrooms in the hallway. The girls' bathroom has four toilets and two sinks and the boys' bathroom has three toilets, three urinals and two sinks. Handwashing procedures were posted in both locations. There are additional bathrooms throughout the building the children can use.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. The fire and tornado drills should be practiced on separate dates and both during the morning and afternoon hours of operation.

I reviewed documentation of monthly playground inspections.

The radon test was completed in August 2025 and is good for five years. Results were within EPA guidelines.

The childcare portion of the building is all electric, but the rest of the building does have fuel burning appliances. The fuel burning inspection was completed and no concerns were noted. A carbon monoxide detector was on site in all the classrooms and in the office. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 02/10/23.

The program does not participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) but does follow the guidelines. The program serves an afternoon snack. They have a two week rotation of menus. The children receive breakfast and lunch through the school once they are released from childcare. The cost of the snack is included in the tuition. There is a refrigerator in the office area and a thermometer was present. The children eat in their classrooms. Disposable products are used so dishwashing is not necessary. Allergies were confidentially posted. Snacks are stored in the "bonus room". They were stored according to NHSPS guidelines. If there is a late start the children are provided with a morning snack. When there are professional development days, no-school days, holidays and during the summer, the children will be cared for at the Denver Campus.

The center uses bleach and water to sanitize the food tables.

The parent information is located on a bulletin board inside the entrance. The mandatory reporter, childcare consultant and the handbook availability were posted. The license was conspicuously hung. A no-smoking sign was posted at the entrance.

There is a large fenced in play area available for the children. Rubber tiles are used for fall surfacing under one piece of climbing equipment that has slides and other activities for the children. Rubber mulch is used for fall surfacing under additional pieces of climbing equipment that have rings, monkey bars, climbing walls, and a zipline. There is a basketball court. There is a grassy area with soccer nets. There are benches available for the children to rest. Shade is provided by trees and the building.

Staff and children's files were reviewed at the time of the licensing visit. I reviewed twelve children's files. They were in great condition.

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I reviewed policy and procedures, staff and parent handbooks. The necessary written emergency procedures and policies were present. Emergency Preparedness Plans have been completed.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Staff members were outside with the children during most of my visit. When they returned to the classrooms the children were picked up fairly quickly. I observed staff members have good communication with the administrative team and with one another. They appear to have a good routine for the children and they keep them active.

The program has organized and easy to read staff and children's files and an organized licensing notebook.

The program sends parent satisfaction surveys out annually for all the Discoveries programs. Potential changes in programming are addressed with families post survey.

The program offers fun activities for the children and the children have more opportunities to play with their friends.

The program uses the ProCare app to keep families informed of all things for the program. They also use it for attendance and billing.

The program offers families flexibility.

The program is in a secure building.

The program has open communication with the school and the teachers.

The program offers childcare to parents in the school so parents do not have to worry about transportation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
Implemented a no phone policy. All staff turn in their phones at the office before starting their shift.
Trained a new on-site coordinator who can be in the building in the morning and afternoon.
Parent satisfaction surveys that were completed in March 2025 show 90% of parents are highly satisfied with the care children receive during extended day programming.
Partnered with ISU Extension to provide STEAM programming once a month for afternoon extended day programming.

GOALS:
Hire additional staff to assist in classrooms, allowing for more flexibility.
Improve staff orientation.
Provide more opportunities for large motor play when weather conditions do not allow for outside play.
Continue to work with Denver School District to facilitate moving the early childhood programming into the same building as extended day.
Increase the amount of time directors are in the building.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There are no citations.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is issued. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

I met with Ms. Holman and Ms. Lund following my observations and review of files.

An administrative change is being made to name Alexandra "Lexie" Lund as the on-site supervisor. Ella Walters is no

longer with the program.

Date: 10/28/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost

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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