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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Sprouts Early Learning Academy

Provider No.: 51564

Address: 125 School ST, Carlisle, IA, 50047

County: Warren

Director's Name: Paige Smothers

On-Site Supervisor: Katie Klingensmith

Phone Number: 5159897913

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HHS Visit Date: 04/06/2026

Licensing Period: 05/01/2025 to 05/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/13/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [X] 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	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 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	12	16	24	24	76
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Sprouts Early Learning Center was given permission to open on 9/1/21. The center is located in a single standing building. The center has a secured entrance. There is a spacious lobby that parents/guardians use to check in the children and the required postings are located. The daycare serves children ages infancy through five years. The owner and director is Paige Smothers. Paige has a BA in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. She taught preschool prior to opening this daycare center. Katie Klingensmith is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place. Classrooms have current schedules posted. Current lesson plans are posted and available for parents. The center has four program rooms. The classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, learning and play materials. Interest centers are easily accessible to the children in their classrooms.

Paige and Katie assisted with today's visit. The Purple Room (infants) had seven infants present. There were three staff working in this room. The Red Room (2's) had thirteen children present. There were two staff working with this group. The Rainbow Room (3's) had eighteen children today. Two staff working with this group. The Green Room (4/5's) had eight children in attendance. One staff was working with this class. Children were observed in classrooms and on the playground. Staff were observed to be actively engaged with children throughout the visit.

The center has a full kitchen. A cook prepares all meals on site. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack is served to majority of the children. Some preschool children have morning snack. The cook has taken the Safe Serve class. Menus were reviewed and showed compliance with CACFP requirements.

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The center has a fenced in playground. There is a shading structure in place. The playground has turf surfacing, concrete and some blacktop areas.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Paige has a BA in Early Childhood and Elementary Education. Paige has a lot of experience in the child development education field. The classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate supplies and toys. Administrative records are well maintained.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(3)a: All volunteers shall be at least 16 years of age and shall:Have signed statements indicating no conviction of any law in any state or record of founded child or dependent adult abuse.Signed statements indicating no communicable disease or other health concerns that poses a threat to children.

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required:Brief absence of staff person permitted for 5 or less minutes when another staff person is presentAt least one staff is present in every room where children are resting.If ratio reduced to one staff per room during nap time, does not exceed one hour and ratio in center is still maintained.Ratio in infant rooms is always maintained.When more than eight children are present on the licensed premises, at least two staff members shall be present.For a period of two hours or less at the beginning and end of the center’s hours of operation, one staff member may care for eight or fewer children, provided no more than four of the children are under two years of age and there are no more than eight children in the center.Ratio exceeded for school-age children when school classes unexpectedly start late, are dismissed early, or cancelled. For no more than four hours, care is limited to children already in the program and licensed capacity is not exceeded.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center is adding school age children to programming on June 1, 2026. Capacity is remaining the same.

The center has a full license.

Date: 05/21/2026

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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