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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: KinderCare Learning Center

Provider No.: 50165

Address: 8601 Thomas Avenue, Johnston, IA, 50131

County: Polk

Director's Name: Briana Johnson

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 5152141036

E-Mail: briana.johnson@kindercare.com

HHS Visit Date: 09/10/2025

Licensing Period: 08/01/2024 to 08/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 12/13/2023

Comments: 6/14/24 - new building

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [X] Accrediation — Comments: NAEYC

Program Duration:

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

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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	91	32	61	21	205
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

KinderCare Learning Center opened in September 2019. This daycare is one of many daycares owned and operated by the nationwide corporation KinderCare Education. The center has two buildings on their property. Both buildings have secured entrances. Briana Johnson is the director. Briana has been in this position since January 2015. She has been employed with KinderCare since 2018. The district manager is Rachel Ross. The center serves children ages infancy through school age. The center also has a small gym.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing standards and rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Lesson plans and schedules are posted outside of classrooms. Diaper changing procedures are posted where required. Handwashing posters are posted in bathrooms. Classroom are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, learning materials and toys. Classrooms have defined, labeled learning centers.

Briana assisted with today's visit. There were seven infants present in the Infants classroom. Two staff were working in this room. There were eight infants in Mobile Infants. Two staff were working in this classroom. Toddlers had eight children present. Two staff were working in this class. There are currently two Discovery Preschool classes. One class had twelve children (2/3's) and the other class had thirteen children (2's) today. Each class had two staff working within the classroom. There are two preschool classes (3's). One class had ten children and there was one staff working in this room. The second class had thirteen children, with two staff. A PreK class (4/5's) had eighteen children in attendance. three staff were working in this class. In the second building, there were three infants in the infant classroom. One staff were working with this group. Toddler 1, which has two year old children, had had six children present. One staff was working in this room. Toddler 2, which has one year old children, had eight children present. Two staff were working with these children. Children were observed in their classrooms, outdoors and in the gym. Children were observed during lunch time, during large motor play activities, during transition times and during individual and small group activities. Staff were observed assisting children wash their hands and prepare for rest time. Staff were reading books to children and playing alongside the children.

The center has a kitchen and cook. The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks. Menus were reviewed and CACFP standards are followed. Menus are on a four week rotation. Lunch served today was barbeque chicken sandwiches, baked beans, tropical fruit and milk.

The center has three playgrounds. The toddlers have a playground, the two's have a playground. The preschool age, PreK and Transitional K classes have a playground. Poured surfacing is used in all playgrounds. There is also grass and concrete for surfacing. There are small climbing structures and fencing on all playgrounds. Staff have completed monthly playground checks.

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The center has two vans that are used for off site field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The director has been employed with KinderCare since 2018. The center has NAEYC accreditation. KinderCare supplies lesson plans, menus and classroom curriculums. All classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning materials.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Children were spaced too close at the table during lunch time in the toddler classroom. This worker talked with the staff and the director about ensuring children have appropriate spacing at snack and meal time.

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515.362.7823; email: melinda.larson@hhs.state.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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Date: 09/11/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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