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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Metro Kids - Cattell

Provider No.: 36553

Address: 3101 E 12th Street, Des Moines, IA, 50316

County: Polk

Director's Name: Linda Phillips

On-Site Supervisor: Georgia Beeman

Phone Number: 5152427951

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HHS Visit Date: 11/24/2025

Licensing Period: 01/01/2026 to 01/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/22/2023

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		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Tuesday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Wednesday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Thursday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Friday		2:30 PM to 5:30 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				120	120
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Metro Kids - Cattell has been in operation since 1987. The center provides after school care throughout the school year. The center uses the school's cafeteria and gym for programming. The center also uses the school's playground for outdoor play activities. Linda Phillips is the director. Georgia Beeman is the On Site Supervisor. She's been with Metro Kids since 2007.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. The center's schedule was posted. A current lesson plan and a monthly newsletter is posted at the entrance.

Briseis Hernandez assisted with the visit. Four staff were working today. There were thirty two children present at the start of programming. Children were observed in the cafeteria. Interest areas and table activities were set up for the children. Children were doing art activities, playing various table games and playing in the interest areas. Interactions between the staff and children were observed to be positive during the visit.

The center provides snack during regular programming. During regional days and breaks, the center provides breakfast and snacks. Menus were reviewed and show compliance with CACFP requirements.

The center uses the school's playground. School staff maintain the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

Metro Kids Programs use Des Moines Schools buses for off site field trips.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Georgia has been employed with Metro Kids for several years. The center has a nice amount of age appropriate play and leaning materials. The center has spacious programming areas. Children have access to the gym and the school's playground areas.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There is a child who has an emergency medication. There wasn't a staff on site that has completed the medication administration course.
The assistant, Brisius, is signed up to complete this course in December.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

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.iowa.gov) so that we can 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.

*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.

Date: 12/03/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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