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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: St Patrick School Gingerbread Preschool

Provider No.: 52605

Address: 1302 5th ST, Perry, IA, 50220

County: Dallas

Director's Name: Kandice Pattillo

On-Site Supervisor: N/A

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HHS Visit Date: 09/16/2026

Licensing Period: 10/01/2026 to 10/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/16/2024

Comments: State Fire Marshal. Inspections are due at least every three years per licensing regulations.

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		8:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
Tuesday		8:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
Wednesday		8:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
Thursday		8:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
Friday		8:00 AM to 3:00 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	18	0	18
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing inspection was conducted on 9/16/26. The director/principal was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

St. Patrick School Gingerbread Preschool is a program that is under HHS licensing. The program was given permission to open on 8/26/24. Prior to this, the program was under the Department of Education's oversight. The program is overseen by a Board. Kandice Pattillo is the principal of the school and also the director of the program. Kandice holds several degrees and has past experience and training overseeing this program and other similar programs.

The program serves four and five year old children during the school year. The program is located in one classroom on the lower level of the school building. The program uses the Creative Curriculum, Haggarty Curriculum, and parts of a faith based curriculum. Total child enrollment on the day of the inspection was eight children.

NUTRITION: The center provides breakfast, AM snack, lunch, and a PM snack to children through the school's nutrition department. All food menu items met CACFP requirements. Children eat in the cafeteria which is across from the classroom.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: For transportation for field trips, the program contacts with the Perry School District and takes a bus. The program may also take walking field trips to nearby places. Finally, the program will also bring in

different agencies for presentations to children. For all field trips off campus, a first-aid kit and children's emergency contacts are taken along.

PLAYGROUND: The playground is scheduled to go a complete remodel/renovation project in 11/2026. The playground is entirely fenced in. Current equipment includes a climbing structure, monkey bars, swings, and other outdoor toys. Monthly playground inspections are being conducted. The school building as well as trees provide shade.

During the inspection, children were initially in the cafeteria eating lunch. Children stated they washed their hands when questioned. Later in the inspection, children were observed in their classroom and doing art projects at the child-size table and chairs. Toys, cots, tables, and other equipment are being cleaned and sanitized daily.

For more challenging child behaviors, the center partners with other professionals as needed (AEA, CCR&R, etc.). Behavioral plans and interventions are utilized. Teamwork is stressed. Parents are encouraged to participate and take an active role as well in getting these behaviors more stabilized.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This is a program that meets a need in the community. The program was open in the past, but now licensed by HHS. Enrollment is steady and expected to increase.

The program uses the Bloomz app for added communication with parents. Weekly newsletters are also sent to parents.

Parents are highly encouraged to participate, visit, and volunteer unless restricted by a court order.

The program has a good relationship with other school personnel.

All staff take intruder in the center training annually.

There are outdoor security cameras.

The director/principal is highly organized and has a lot of experience/training/education.

Staff use walkie talkies to communicate with each other throughout the building.

The program uses Fluentalk whenever translation is needed as the center serves a lot of Hispanic families.

Children have learning assessments completed three times a year.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
One SING check was past due. THIS ISSUE WAS CORRECTED SHORTLY AFTER THE INSPECTION.

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.
One child was missing dentist information. The name, address, and phone number is needed.

109.9(2)i: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
One child was missing a physical.

109.11(8)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

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The carbon monoxide detector wasn't functioning on the day of the inspection. THIS ISSUE WAS CORRECTED SHORTLY AFTER THE INSPECTION CONCLUDED.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The program conducted radon testing 11/18/24 - 11/10/24. The classroom came back with a radon level below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing, levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

An annual boiler/HVAC unit was inspected on11/14/25 so it is again coming due.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. The program has had some more conversations with their CCR&R consultant about the IQ4K process. For I - Power, all staff appear to have profiles and training is being uploaded. Any new staff will also need to have profiles.

As stated above, a playground remodel/renovation is scheduled for 11/2026.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

Date: 09/16/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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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