Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell - Sugar Creek Elementary **Enrollment:** 86 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51905

Street: 965 Ashworth RD **City:** Waukee Iowa **Zip** 50263 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 430 Ashworth RD, Waukee, IA, 50263

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes **Phone Number:** 515-987-5161

On-Site Supervisor(s): David Naylor **E-Mail:** awilmes@waukeeschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 08-29-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-27-2022

FIRE INSPECTION **State** X **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 07-05-2022

Comments : Waukee Fire Marshal.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	0	0	0	274	274
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2022 to 10-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 08-30-2023

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 8/29/23. The on-site supervisor was present for this 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. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Beyond the Bell - Sugar Creek Elementary is a newer center that was given permission to open on 8/23/22. The center is owned by the school and overseen by a Board. The director of this program and the seven other Beyond the Bell programs (as well as the three Wee Care programs) is Andrea Wilmes. Andrea has a BA degree and has worked in child care for many years, which includes many years as the director of the above named programs. The on-site supervisor of this program is David Naylor. David has a BA degree and a Masters degree and also has past experience working in child care, specifically before/after school programs.

The center serves school-age children who attend this school and they use parts of the Creative Learning Curriculum with children. There is a before school component, after-school component, and all-day programming on no school days and during the summer months. The center uses the gym (capacity 184), cafeteria (capacity 90), and outdoor playground area.

During the visit, most of the children were outside and being called inside when their parents arrived to pick them up. Some children were inside. Later, all children came inside and were divided up between the cafeteria where they were engaged in free-choice play at the different learning activities made available to them or in the gym engaged in large motor activities. Staff were sufficiently spaced out between the different groups of children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a newer center within a new school that meets a need in the Waukee community. Enrollment has increased over the past year.

There is a secure entrance into the building.

The director stated the on-site supervisor is very detailed, organized, and communicates well with others and she has received compliments on him because of these traits.

This is one of eight Beyond the Bell programs (there are also three Wee Care programs). All have the same director and operate in similar fashion. There is continuity among all of the programs.

There are good relationships between staff, parents, and other school personnel.

Staff use walkie talkies to communicate between areas of the center.

Staff pictures are posted.

An organized system is in place for gathering children and attendance at the beginning of the day and end of the school day.

Staff reportedly work well with each other. There is stability between staff and their employment at this location.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
1. There are still some bolts under one of the climbers that are too long. These bolts should be cut/capped so that no more than two threads are showing. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.
2. The metal floor piece between the hallway and the gym entrance needs repaired or replaced as it creates a tripping hazard.

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed.
There was one issue with dry food storage not being sufficient.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing since they serve only school-age children in a school building.

The center contacts with the school district for transportation/field trips.

I - Power was discussed at the visit. All staff at this location appear to have an I-Power profile. Information on how to enter information into I - Power was again sent to the director after the visit at the on-site supervisor's request.

It is recommended that all families have at least one emergency contact listed other than themselves.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*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.