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

Name of Center: Grimes KinderCare **Enrollment:** 57 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51538

Street: 1101 NE Gateway DR **City:** Grimes Iowa **Zip** 50111 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1101 NE Gateway DR, Grimes, IA, 50111

Director's Name: Emily Ayers **Phone Number:** 515-644-5282

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** ejhill86@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-16-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-01-2021

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

Date Inspected: 05-11-2021

Comments :

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

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X 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	48	30	39	26	143
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2023 to 07-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 06-22-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Grimes KinderCare opened on 11/8/21. This daycare is one of many daycares owned and operated by KinderCare Corporation, a nationwide company. This child care center is located in a single standing building that has a secured entrance. This is a new building structure, built specifically for the child care center. Currently, the center is offering child care for children infancy through preschool age. The center has several classrooms in addition to a small indoor gym. The district manager of the center is Rachel Ross. The director of the center is Emily Ayers. Emily has a BA in Early Childhood Education. Emily was a director of a KinderCare in Illinois prior to coming to this center.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to DHHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the center's entrance. Classroom schedules and lesson plans are posted in individual classrooms. Classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys. Older children's classrooms have well defined interest centers.

Emily was present and able to assist with the visit. The center had five classrooms in operation today.
An infant classroom and four infants in attendance. One staff was working with this class. A toddler class had three children present. One staff was working in this class. A Discovery Preschool class (2's) had ten children present. There were ten children present. Two staff were working with this group. A preschool class (2/3's) had seven children present. One staff was working with this group. A PreK class (3,4's and some 5's) had fourteen children present. Two staff were working with this group. Children were observed in their classrooms and some children were observed outdoors on the playground. Some children were observed having lunch. Staff were observed assisting children with their individual and group activities.

The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus are on a four week rotation. Menus reviewed showed compliance with CACFP requirements. Lunch served today was a beef and bean quesadilla, tropical fruit, corn and milk.

The playground has fencing. There is surf for surfacing material. The center completes monthly playground checklists.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

KinderCare centers are well supported. Grimes KinderCare will participate in the QRS quality initiative program in the future. The classrooms at the daycare are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, learning supplies and toys. The center receives the menus and the lesson plan/curriculums for all the classrooms.

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

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least

every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 4

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
Children's files don't have documentation of annual updates. Emily said she will go through all children's files and ensure annual updates are documented by parents.

V. 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 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.