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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell - Waukee Elementary

Provider No.: 52260

Address: 850 6th ST, Waukee, IA, 50263

County: Dallas

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes

On-Site Supervisor: Ashley Dooley

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HHS Visit Date: 10/21/2025

Licensing Period: 12/01/2025 to 12/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/01/2024

Comments: Waukee Fire Marshal. For licensing, these inspections are required at least every three years. The Waukee fire marshals typically do these inspections more frequently.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				150	150
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing inspection was conducted on 10/21/25. The on-site supervisor 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.

Beyond the Bell Waukee Elementary is a new center that was given permission to open by HHS on 8/22/23. BTB took over this program from the YMCA. The center is owned by the Waukee School District and serves school-age children who attend this school. Before school hours are 6:30am - 8:35am and after school hours are 3:35pm - 6:00pm. Summer hours and no school days have full programing 6:30am - 6:00pm. There are also early out days at least once a month. The center uses the cafeteria, gym, and outdoor playground areas. The center uses their own learning curriculum based off of other learning curriculums.

The director of this program and all other Beyond the Bell, Wee Care programs, and Little Learners program at Vince Meyer is Andrea Wilmes. Andrea has a BA degree as well as many years of experience working in child care. The on-site supervisor at this location is Ashley Dooley. Ashley has an AA degree and also has past experience working in child care which includes being a director and on-site supervisor at other programs in the past.

During the visit, some children were inside and in the cafeteria and the majority of the children were outside on the playground. Staff were spaced out among the different groups of children. Toys and other equipment are being sanitized daily. Children gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills while they are attending the program.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This is another Beyond the Bell program. All of the programs use the same handbooks, can share staff, etc. There is continuity.

Staff use walkie talkies for better and more thorough communication with each other when in different areas of the building (gym, cafeteria, playground).

All of the BTB programs use Regwerks for billing, signing in/out of the building, etc.

The on-site supervisor believes the program has a good working relationship with other school personnel.

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The director and the on-site supervisor have many years of experience working in child care.

Staff photos were posted.

Enrollment has increased over the past year.

Staff reportedly work well with each other.

The on-site supervisor believed a strength of the program is the relationship they have with families.

The center has access to a behavioral specialist as well as a curriculum specialist.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

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 file was missing doctor and dentist information and another child file was missing dentist information.

109.10(14)a: The center and supervisor shall ensure that staff knows names and number of children assigned. Staff shall provide careful supervision.
When children use the restroom, staff should more closely supervise at least from the door way of the cafeteria to the hallway to ensure children go to the restroom and not another area of the school.

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

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they are located in a school and only serve school-age children.

For transportation/field trips, the center contracts with the school district (bus and driver).

For nutrition, the school provides AM snack/breakfast to children. The center provides the PM snack. During No School days and summer months, the program provides AM snack and the PM snack and families/children are responsible for providing their own lunches. The center will store lunches as needed.

I-Power was discussed at the visit. Staff should continue to upload their training certificates.

As mentioned at last year's inspection , it is recommended parents list at least one authorized/emergency pick up other than themselves.

Two children had minor accidents during the inspection. Written incident reports should be completed.

A new, full, two year license is recommended. Enrollment at the program is currently 65 children.

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Date: 10/22/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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