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

Name of Center: Camp Fire Prairie City Elementary BASP **Enrollment:** 22 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51956

Street: 309 E Plainsman Rd **City:** Prairie City Iowa **Zip** 50228 **County:** Jasper

Mailing Address: 5615 Hickman Rd, Des Moines, IA, 50310

Director's Name: Owen Ballard **Phone Number:** 515-274-1501

On-Site Supervisor(s): Evelyn Farver **E-Mail:** oballard@campfireiowa.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-23-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-31-2022

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

Date Inspected: 05-16-2022

Comments :

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 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				30	30
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2024 to 10-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 09-30-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Camp Fire Prairie City Elementary BASP opened on 11/7/22. The center is owned and operated by Camp Fire USA in Des Moines. This center is located in the elementary school. The school has secured entrances. The center uses their classroom and the gym for program rooms. The center also uses the school's playground for outdoor play. The center provides before and after school child care. Owen Ballard is the center's director. Evelyn Farver is the on site supervisor.

All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed during today's visit. Mandatory postings are in place outside the gym. The center has their schedule posted. The center keeps their children's toys and supplies and administrative records in their classroom. The center has large motor play toys, games, art supplies and other age appropriate toys for children's use.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. Two staff were working today. Nine children were present. Children were observed in the center's classroom. Children were playing games and doing crafts.

The center serves snack after school. The center has a list of CACFP approved snacks. For all day programming, children bring their own lunches. The center serves morning and afternoon snacks.

The center uses the school's playground. There are several climbing structures and swings. There are wood chips for surfacing material. There are grass areas and concrete. There are basketball hoops.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Camp Fire USA used to have a before and after school program at this school. The child care center has a lot of program space for the children to use for programming. Administrative records are well maintained.

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

109.10(16)a: The center and supervisor shall ensure that staff knows names and number of children assigned. Staff shall provide careful supervision.
Staff were allowing a small group of boys and girls to rest in an area of the classroom where backpacks and coats are kept. Lights were dimmed in that room. Staff were checking in on the children periodically.
This worker told staff children had to be supervised at all times and the children needed to be in direct supervision of staff.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license at this time.

*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.