Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Our Lady's Little Learners Preschool

Provider No.: 28314

Address: 510 E 1st St, Ankeny, IA, 50021

County: Polk

Director's Name: Kathy Bovee

On-Site Supervisor: Stacy Sporer

Phone Number: 5159643106

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HHS Visit Date: 11/03/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2025 to 11/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 03/04/2025

Comments: Fire inspections are due at least every three years. Completed by Ankeny Fire Dept LT. Tyson Hood.

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		8:30 AM to 2:30 PM	
Tuesday		8:30 AM to 2:30 PM	
Wednesday		8:30 AM to 2:30 PM	
Thursday		8:30 AM to 2:30 PM	
Friday			
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			55		55
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced annual visit was completed 11-3-25. Director, Kathy Bovee was present through the entire visit.

Our Lady's Little Learners Preschool program started in 2003 and is located in Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholic Church in Ankeny. The church owns the preschool and assists financially. Kathy Bovee became the director in June, 2024; and had been with OLLL for 13 years prior as a classroom teacher as well. She meets the qualifications to be the director.

Our Lady's Little Learners Preschool uses three classrooms for several sessions of pre-school. Children must be between three and five years old to attend. Morning classes meet from 8:30-11:00 am, and afternoon classes meet from noon-2:30 pm. The three year old children can attend two or three days a week, the four year old children can attend three or five days a week, and the pre-k children meet five days a week. The preschool also has access to the use of the gymnasium which allows them to do large motor play indoors.

The center has created their own curriculum based on Iowa Early Learning Standards with a faith base component. This center offers a good variety of age/developmentally appropriate learning centers and toys. The children were content as staff lead group activities.

The program is about two and one half hours; there is not a snack or other sentience provided.

This preschool has access to a gymnasium and an outdoor area for large motor play. The outdoor playground is enclosed.

Transportation/Field Trips: NA

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

All staff work very well together as a team. The staff and the Director meet every morning prior to class to discuss their planned day and support each other; they end with a teacher's prayer. This has helped with cohesiveness and grounding staff for the day, in addition staff feeling support from each other.

There is a secure entry, along with cameras around the exterior and hallways.

The center has a website and a Facebook page. Emails are sent to the parents with updates as well as a weekly newsletter from the teachers. The preschool has started using a new App which assists with communication with parents.

The staff have meetings bi-weekly.

All lead teachers have a teaching degree or a four year degree. Every classroom has a licensed teacher.

This program has maintained a positive relationship with AEA and with other Christian schools.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.10(13)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

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

One of the emergency fire/tornado exit/retreat plans was missing from being posted. It was later found by teachers and re-posted.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The last test was completed in January of 2-23 and all fell below the 4.0 cutoff level.

The annual furnace/boiler inspection is completed every winter and is completed by the church.

Date: 11/09/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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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