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

Name of Center: Underwood Eagle Care **Enrollment:** 50 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 59

Street: 601 3rd Street **City:** Underwood Iowa **Zip** 51576 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: PO Box 130, Underwood, IA, 51576

Director's Name: Amanda Williams **Phone Number:** 712-566-2326

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** awilliams@underwoodschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-04-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 11-03-2023

Comments : The fire marshal inspection noted items that needed corrected.

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: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			20	30	50
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2023 to 09-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 12-06-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Underwood Eagle Care 12-4-2024. The program is located in the Underwood Elementary School building. The program provides child care services to preschool age children to school age children from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday during the school year only. Preschool isn't held on Mondays, therefore full day child care is provided to preschool age children on Mondays. Amanda Williams continues to be the director, she became the director in January 2022, she is the preschool teacher during the school day. I met with Amanda during my licensing visit. There are 50 children enrolled in the program.

Observation of room:
Child care services are offered to preschool age children during the day and before and after school child care services are offered to school age/preschool age children each day. The program provides fun hands on educational activities.
There were thirteen preschool age children and three staff present. The children having fun participating in table work and playing outside. The staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The school age children were in school at the time of my visit. The program had detailed lesson plans/activities - the lesson plans include gross motor, dramatic play/center time, music & movement, story time, transition, academic - math/science/art, fine more/sensory.
The program also utilizes the preschool room located next door during the after school program hours and the gym/cafeteria.

The room looked nice and there is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment, toys and equipment are rotated on a regular basis.

Nutrition:
The children can purchase breakfast from the school. Snacks are provided, and the preschool age children eat lunch in the cafeteria. The center isn't on the federal food program. Even if your center isn't on the federal food program you must comply with the CACFP food guidelines. Menus were posted.

Health and safety:
Radon testing was completed in Seotenber 2024 and the test score was 1.1 pCi/L for the main room and 1.5 pCi/L for the preschool room. Since you are in a school the Department of Education is responsible for making sure radon testing is completed. Child care licensing will no longer need to review your radon information.
A carbon monoxide detector is in the room.
Monthly fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented.
The annual fuel burning inspection - boiler inspection will expire in July 2025. Medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication. The school has a nurse that is utilized for the program.
Purell Surface is used for sanitizing and they are using the three bottle procedure for sanitizing 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved sanitizing product.

Playground:
The school playground is used. Monthly playground inspections were documented.

Administrative records:
Tim Richard is the School Business Official and he is responsible for maintaining the staff record checks. The record check directions were emailed to Tim Richard.
Amanda has monthly staff meetings on Zoom, she also has daily contact with staff. Amanda made the corrections from the 2023 licensing visit/licensing evaluation.
The center is IQ4K level1.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Underwood Eagle Care is a wonderful resource for the school and the community.
Amanda has worked very hard to learn the DHHS licensing rules, she is confident and has excellent skills as the director. She is very enthusiastic and proud of the center.
The center looked nice and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Staff had excellent interactions with the children.
Staff are very positive and helpful.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 9-1-2023 to 9-1-2025.
Off year licensing visit 12-4-2024.

*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.