Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: St Augustin Before and After Care

Provider No.: 27463

Address: 4320 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA, 50312

County: Polk

Director's Name: Stephanie Smid

On-Site Supervisor: Pam Carver

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HHS Visit Date: 02/25/2026

Licensing Period: 03/01/2026 to 03/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/03/2025

Comments: Des Moines Fire Marshal. State requirements are that fire marshal inspections are conducted at least every three years. The city of Des Moines Fire Marshals typically do these inspections annually.

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		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Tuesday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Wednesday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Thursday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Friday		7:00 AM to 5:30 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	28	60	88
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing inspection was conducted on 2/25/26. The new director was present for the entire 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.

Saint Augustin Before and After School Program was given permission to open under HHS (formerly known as DHS) licensing on 10/1/15. Prior to this date, the center was overseen by the Department of Education. The center is located in the Saint Augustin School (cafeteria, gym and two classrooms) in Des Moines and is for children who attend this school. The center serves children ages four through 12 years of age. The center is open 7:00am - 8:15am and then again 3:10pm - 5:30pm. The center is not open during the summer months or no school days. The center uses a combination of the Creative Learning Curriculum in their teachings as well as some of their own learning curriculum developed over the years. Total child enrollment on the day of the inspection was 74 children.

The center is overseen by a Board. Stephanie Smid is the current director and she reports to the school principal. Stephanie has past experience working with children in the school and child care. Pam Carver is the on-site supervisor as of 5/2023. Pam has a BA degree in Elementary Education and has past experience working with children.

The center uses primarily the cafeteria, but they also have access to the gym, two classrooms, and outdoor playground area. The capacity of the cafeteria is 46 children. The capacity of the bigger classroom is 28 children. The capacity of the smaller classroom is 14 children.

During the inspection, all of the children were in the cafeteria and playing with learning stations made available to them. Children gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills. Children also gave specific answers as to when/how often they wash their hands. Toys, tables, and other equipment are being cleaned and sanitized daily.

NUTRITION: Children can attend the program in the AM, but the hours of operation are short so no AM snack is served. The center serves children a PM snack daily. All food items in stock were credible (minus the Vanilla Wafers which were for staff per the director - staff food should be labeled as such). The food menu was sufficient. Food storage was sufficient. Children eat at the cafeteria tables.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: It was previously noted that the center does not go on field trips and they do not transport children.

PLAYGROUND: The playground is large. It consists of an area that has climbing structures and other equipment in one area, field turf in another area, and a large blacktop area. Monthly playground checks are being conducted. Fall zone surfacing could not be observed due to the large amount of snow on the ground from a recent snowstorm.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Enrollment has again increased over the past year.

The director stated her staff work well together. The director also believed they have good working relationships with the families they serve. Communication is stressed.

Staff stated they enjoy working with children, they enjoy talking to parents, and they appreciate Catholic Schools.

The center has a website through the school. The center is also using Brightwheel.

There is a secure entrance into the building. Security cameras are in place.

Formal staff meetings occur several times a year. The director is also able to attend roughly quarterly with other directors of before/after school programs within the Diocese.

Specific time is scheduled in for children to get their homework completed.

The center has a good working relationship with the school. The director and on-site supervisor stated they have a great working relationship.

The new director is organized.

More renovations have been made to the playground over the past year.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(1)b: 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.
One staff member is past due for another physical.

109.9(2)j: School-age (for children five years and older and enrolled in school): Annual statement of health status signed by parent is submitted prior to admission, certifies that the child is free of communicable disease, and lists allergies, medications and acute/chronic conditions.
There was partial information in children's individual files. There should also be language that children's physicals and immunizations are on file with the school.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. Sufficient cooling. Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.
1. There were some dangling cords in the two classrooms that need to be tucked behind equipment, wrapped around equipment, and/or tied together so they are not freely dangling.
2. There were some cleaning products in one of the classrooms that were potentially accessible to children.

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

The below standards identified at this year's inspection should be corrected as soon as possible and no later than the time of next year's inspection.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The carbon monoxide detector, per building maintenance, is built in with the fire/smoke detectors.

The annual boiler inspection expired in 6/2026. The center should make sure they have copies of these invoices/inspection forms.

Radon testing was last conducted 2/10/23 - 2/13/23. All classroom areas came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing, levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

I - Power was discussed at the visit. Staff will need to be uploading training certificates/hours notifications into their profiles if they are not automatically uploaded by the I - Power system. First-Aid/CPR and Mandatory Reporter will have to be manually uploaded. Regular staff need at least six professional development hours every year. The director and the on-site supervisor need at least eight professional development hours annually. If any staff are no longer employed with the center, they should be unlinked from the center's I - Power profile.

The CACFP Food app was shared with the director during the inspection.

A sample school-age health assessment was shared with the director after the inspection concluded.

This consultant connected the new director to other directors in the Diocese that would also be good resources for the director since she is newer.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

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Date: 02/26/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.