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

Name of Center: YMCA Childcare-Findley Elementary **Enrollment:** 44 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 39516

Street: 3025 Oxford ST **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50313 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: PO Box 370, Waukee, IA, 50263

Director's Name: Emma (Arc) Simmons - Curtis **Phone Number:** 515-975-8762

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jacob Al-Mazroa **E-Mail:** Arc.Simmon-Curtis@dmymca.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-27-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-18-2022

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

Date Inspected: 08-18-2021

Comments : Des Moines Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years for HHS licensing.

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 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
Summer					0
General				60	60

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2022 to 04-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 03-28-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 3/27/23. The new director was present along with her supervisor as well as the new on-site supervisor for this 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. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

YMCA Childcare - Findley Elementary opened in 2012. The majority of programming is held in the school's gym, cafeteria, and the outdoor playground area. The center serves school age children who attend this school. During the school year, the center operates after school from 2:30pm - 6:00pm. During the summer months, programming is 8:30am - 4:00pm.

The new director of this program as of 11/2022 is Emma (Arc) Simmons - Curtis. Emma (Arc) has a Master's degree and a BA degree as well as past experience working in child care. The new on-site supervisor as of 11/2023 is Jacob Al-Mazroa. Jacob is working on a BA degree and has past experience working in child care.

During the visit, children were divided up into two different groups based on their ages. Younger children were outside with their staff playing on the playground and the climbing structures. Older children were in the cafeteria and broken down into smaller groups doing different things based on the learning stations available to them. There seemed to be good program structure and a good flow of transitioning from different activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program is in the process of starting the IQ4K process.

Enrollment remains steady.

There is a lot of open space for the center to use.

The center has a good working relationship with other school personnel including the school nurse, school principal, and a school behavioral liaison.

Children are offered large motor play on a daily basis.

There are different agencies/programs that come into the center weekly to offer such things are tutoring, art and things of that nature.

The director and on-site supervisor believe the program has a good working relationship with the families they serve.

The new director and new on-site supervisor are both experienced working in child care.

All YMCA programs that provide child care to children operate in a similar fashion.

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

No below standards were identified at this year's visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing because they only serve school-age children and in a school building.

The center contracts with the school district to take a bus for field trips and/or they have a YMCA bus and driver. Field trips are only being taken during the summer months. They also sometimes bring in presenters for children.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit.

It is recommended options for cereal also be listed for the PM snack. PM snacks are provided by the school district. During the summer months, lunch is also provided through the school district.

*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.