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

Name of Center: Martensdale-St Marys Child Care **Enrollment:** 37 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27101

Street: 390 Burlington **City:** Martensdale Iowa **Zip** 50160 **County:** Warren

Mailing Address: PO Box 350, Martensdale, IA, 50160

Director's Name: Sandi Christensen **Phone Number:** 641-351-7545

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** sandi_christensen@mstm.us

Date(s) of Visit: 05-05-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 04-02-2025

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

Date Inspected: 04-21-2023

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				75	75
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2025 to 05-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 05-12-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This center has been in operation since 1999. It operated under the Department of Education prior to coming under the the Department of Human Services in 2015. The center is located in St. Mary's Public School. The school has a secured entrance. This program operates year round and serves children ages PreK through 6th grade. The center uses the cafeteria, two gyms, two computer labs and a library for programming space. The center also uses the playground. Sandi Christensen has served as director of the center since 2002.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. The center has mandatory postings posted in the cafeteria. A schedule/lesson plan are posted. The center's supplies are kept in cabinets in the cafeteria.

Sandi assisted with today's visit. There were three staff working today alongside Sandi. Twenty children were in attendance. Children were observed in the cafeteria. Children also spent time on the playground. The children had academic time, where they were working individually on worksheets that had phonics and math problems. Children then had some time to play with toys they were able to bring from home. Children were also able to use the center's tablets and play with the center's toys and games. Staff were observed assisting children with their activities throughout the visit.

The center serves snack after school. During the summer the center serves breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. The center purchases their food from the company the school uses. The center uses the school's kitchen to prepare meals. Sandy or another staff prepare meals. Menus reviewed showed compliance with CACFP.

The playground is maintained by school maintenance staff. Staff complete monthly playground checks. The outdoor space is spacious and has different areas for children to choose outdoor play activities.

The center takes off site field trips during the summer. The center contracts with the school to use a school bus and driver.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Sandi has been the director of this program for many years. Administrative records are well maintained. The center has a lot of programming space. The children are offered large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the gyms and the playground.

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

There were no licensing violations cited today.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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