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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell - Eason Elementary

Provider No.: 52608

Address: 605 SE Boone Dr, Waukee, IA, 50263

County: Dallas

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes

On-Site Supervisor: Brenee Herrick

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HHS Visit Date: 10/13/2025

Licensing Period: 12/01/2024 to 12/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/01/2024

Comments: Waukee Fire Marshal. Inspections are due, per licensing rules, at least every three years. Waukee typically does annual inspections.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				150	150
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year licensing inspection was conducted on 10/13/25. The on-site supervisor was present throughout the 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. There are 68 children enrolled at this program.

Beyond the Bell took over this child care program at Eason Elementary when they were given permission to open on 8/23/24. This is one of several Beyond the Bell programs in the western Des Moines suburbs. The program is owned by the Waukee School District. The center serves children who attend this school and they use their own learning curriculum with children. Children can attend in the AM and/or PM (6:30am - 8:40am and 3:30pm - 6:00pm) . There are also early out days throughout the school year. In the summer months, programming is 6:30am - 6:00pm. The center uses the cafeteria, gym, and outdoor playground area.

The center director is Andrea Wilmes. Andrea is also the director over the other BTB programs as well as the Wee Care programs, and Little Learners program. Andrea has a BA degree. The on-site supervisor at this location is Brenee Herrick. Brenee has an AA degree as well as past experience and training working in school-age child care programs.

During the visit, all of the children and staff were outside on the playground. Children were divided up into smaller groups. Children were playing on climbing equipment, merry-go-round, visiting, and playing basketball. Staff were spaced out and interacting with children. One staff member was observed inside cleaning tables using the three step method. Toys are being sanitized daily. Children gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This is one of many Beyond the Bell and Wee Care programs. They all have the same handbooks, policies, can share staff, etc. There is continuity.

Beyond the Bell took over this program as it meets a need in the community. Enrollment is steady

The center has a good working relationship with the families they served.

The center has a good relationship with other school personnel.

Staff reportedly work well with one another and communication is good.

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The director and the on-site supervisor are organized.

There are behavioral specialists and a curriculum specialist on staff.

The program now enrolls transitional kindergarten children.

A new climbing structure was installed on the playground within the past year.

Monthly staff meetings are held at this center. In addition, all on-site supervisors meet monthly for meetings with the director.

Good staff-child interactions were observed throughout the visit.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(1)a: All files contain: Copy of a department criminal history record check form or any other permission form approved by Department of Public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history record check. Copy of a request for child abuse information form, when applicable. Copies of results of Iowa record checks conducted through the SING for review by the department upon request. Copies of national criminal history check results. Any department issued documents sent to the center related to a record check, regardless of findings.
Fingerprint results were missing for one staff in their file.

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
One child file reviewed was missing emergency dental information.

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

Fingerprint results were missing for one staff in their file. The on-site supervisor thought these had been completed and will check with the director.

One child file reviewed was missing emergency dental information. The on-site supervisor will touch base with the parents of this child and make sure this information is added.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they are located within a school building and only serve school-age children.

For transportation/field trips, the center contract with the Waukee School District for a bus and driver.

For nutrition, the center provides the AM and PM snacks year-round. In the summer months and no school days, children are responsible for providing their own lunches. The center will store these as needed.

It is recommended parents list at least one authorized/emergency pick-up person other than themselves.

New staff have 90 days from the start of employment to get initial training completed (UP, Mandatory Reporter, First-Aid/CPR, and Essentials).

All staff will need I-Power profiles and be uploading training certificates into I-Power. Staff should also be linked to this

center in I - Power.

Date: 10/14/2025

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**.