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

Name of Center: Metro Kids - River Woods **Enrollment:** 28 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36575

Street: 2929 SE 22nd St **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50320 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2100 Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA, 50321

Director's Name: Linda Phillips **Phone Number:** 515-242-7951

On-Site Supervisor(s): Anie Woods **E-Mail:** linda.phillips@dmschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-09-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 09-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 08-13-2024

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 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				150	150
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2024 to 01-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 12-18-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Metro Kids - River Woods has been in operation for several years. This center offers child care for children who attend River Woods during the school year. During the summer, the center also offers child care for children who attend other Des Moines schools. The school has secured entrances. The child care uses it's own secured entrance. The center primarily uses the school's cafeteria and gym for programming space. The center also uses the playground for outdoor play. Linda Phillips is the director of the center. The on site supervisor is Anie Woods

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed today. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. The schedule/lesson plan was also posted. This week's theme is "Space Week". The center has age appropriate supplies and toys in place.

Anie assisted with today's visit. Twenty eight children were present at the time of today's visit. Children were observed in the cafeteria and on the playground. Children were coloring Christmas coloring pages and doing table activities while in the cafeteria.

The school's playground has basketball courts, has two large climbing structures. There are some concrete areas and some grassy fields. The school maintains the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center provides snack during programming. Snacks provided meet CACFP requirements. Snack served today was cheese crackers and milk. The storage of the snacks is sufficient.

Metro Kids use Des Moines school buses for transportation for off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a nice amount of play and learning materials for the children. Children are offered large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the playground and gym.

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

There were no licensing violations cited today.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This 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.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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