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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Garfield Elementary Stepping Stones

Provider No.: 20809

Address: 902 E 29th ST, Davenport, IA, 52803

County: Scott

Director's Name: Shaney Ford

On-Site Supervisor: Erin Phelps

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HHS Visit Date: 02/04/2026

Licensing Period: 06/01/2026 to 06/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 01/23/2025

Comments:

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		2:50PM to 5:30 PM	
Tuesday		2:50PM to 5:30 PM	
Wednesday		2:50 PM to 5:30 PM	
Thursday		2:50PM to 5:30 PM	
Friday		2:50PM 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				70	70
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 2/4/26. Staff files were reviewed at a separate visit on 2/19/26. This program is owned and operated by the Davenport Community School District and is located in the Garfield Elementary School building. Shaney Ford is the director for all Stepping Stones child care programs. Shaney was not present at this site on the day of the visit. Erin Phelps is the on site supervisor for this site, and she was present along with other staff. Crystal Simmons, assistant to the center director, arrived at the program during the visit. This center serves school age children from this school after school on school days only. The center reports an enrollment of 31 children on the day of the visit.

The cafeteria and gym are the primary spaces for this center and are always available for the program. The program also may use the library, but this is not part of the licensed space, and the center would need to ensure the space meets the licensing requirements prior to each use. The center uses separated boys and girls restroom areas adjacent to the gym and to the cafeteria with multiple toilets and sinks. There is also a single restroom area adjacent to the library. All program space was observed.

The center provides snack. Snack is prepared and supplied by the school cafeteria and left out or placed in the milk cooler where accessible for the program.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center provides a needed service to the children and families from this school. Stepping Stones child care programs have been overseen by the same center director and assistants for a number of years, and many programs, including this one,

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also have experienced on site supervisors. The staff were observed to know the children well and were engaged with the children in activities. The center typically provides several various enrichment programs partnering with Putnam Museum, Quad City Botanical Center, ISU (Iowa State University Extension), Nahant Marsh, Common Chord, WQPT, Jr. Theater, QC Animal Welfare, and Girl Scouts. Singular visits are provided to the center from Davenport Public Library, Davenport Police Department, and WQAD The Beast storm vehicle. These programs are provided at no extra charge to the families. Child files and other required licensing documentation were found to be highly organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.7(1): All staff (within first three months of employment):Iowa's training for the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions.Certification in First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, (Essentials) approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed does not have evidence of universal precautions certification.

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.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed does not have evidence of the staff physical.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Required documentation for staff files received on 3/24/26. Report can be completed.

1. Ensure all required documentation for staff files are available in the file or on the individual ipower profile (training requirements) for review by the licensing consultant.

The center will continue with a full license. Please correct/address the violation(s) and concern(s) noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and are maintained. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

Date: 03/30/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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**.