Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: La Salle Catholic School

Provider No.: 50863

Address: 835 Church Street, Holy Cross, IA, 52053

County: Dubuque

Director's Name: Beverly Ambrosy

On-Site Supervisor: none

Phone Number: 5638702405

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HHS Visit Date: 09/19/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2024 to 11/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/29/2025

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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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			18	20	38
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 9/19/25. The center director, Beverly Ambrosy, was present along with other staff. Beverly is also the lead preschool teacher for the program. Beth Hilliard is now the school principal. The center is owned and operated by the La Salle Catholic School. The licensed center currently occupies one classroom (room 1AD) and the cafeteria in the school building. Three year old preschool operates all day on Fridays only. The center also provides care to preschool and school age children before and after preschool/school. The center operates on school days during the school year only.

Room 1AD is the three year old preschool room. The room has a maximum capacity of 18 children. Program materials are abundant, are organized and are accessible. The room includes Smartboard technology. Children have to travel outside of the preschool room and cafeteria to nearby hallway restroom areas for all hand washing and toilet activities.

School age, preschool, and prek children use the cafeteria for before and after school child care. This room has a maximum capacity of 20 children.

The children use the school gymnasium for indoor large motor activities when it is not possible to play outside.

The center serves morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack for the three year old program. A later afternoon snack is provided for the child care for after preschool/school. The center does not participate in the CACFP but understands the requirement to meet these guidelines for the licensed program. Meals and snacks are provided by the school cafeteria and brought to the preschool room. Snack would be provided in the cafeteria for the child care there. The school cafeteria kitchen is licensed by IDPH and the copy of the current license is posted.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The preschool room is well supplied. Materials are accessible to the children, are organized, and are well maintained. The room is bright with windows. The center is well managed, and the staff continue to work well together as a team. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged in activities with the children. The center participates in the local AEA program where materials can be borrowed to supplement program activities. The program is no longer free of charge, so the school pays for this service. Required licensing documentation continues to be organized for the licensing binder. Staff and child files are also highly organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

N/A

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure they are in compliance..

The center will continue with a full license. The report does not require a written response. Thank you.

Date: 09/22/2025

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.

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