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

Name of Center: Riverside Child Care **Enrollment:** 80 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 7210

Street: 708 Glass ST **City:** Oakland Iowa **Zip** 51560 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: 708 Glass ST, Oakland, IA, 51560

Director's Name: Crystal Keiser **Phone Number:** 712-482-6296

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** jhastie@riverside.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 11-08-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 11-03-2023

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		10	25	40	75
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2022 to 11-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 12-06-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Riverside Child Care on 11-8-2023. Riverside Child Care is located in the Riverside Elementary and Middle School building. There are 80 children enrolled. Crystal Keiser is the new director, she began employment at the center in May 2023. I met with Crystal during my licensing visit. Child care services are offered to preschool age children and before and after school child care services are offered to school age children. Full day child care programming is offered during school breaks and in the summer. The hours of operation are 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Observation of room:
The large room looked great, there is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. There were fifteen children and three staff present. The children were playing outside and then having rest time. No preschool programing is held in the school on Wednesdays. Equipment and supplies are rotated on a frequent basis. There is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. There are two restrooms in the room with four toilets and two sinks. There are additional restrooms in the hallway.
Creative Curriculum is used. Lesson plans/activities are needed. The staff were attentive to the needs of the children.

Nutrition:
Breakfast and lunch are prepared by the school and the snack is provided by the center. Make sure you have breakfast, lunch and snack menus posted. Even if you aren't on the federal food program you must follow the CACFP guidelines. When children bring their lunch it must be properly refrigerated in a refrigerator. The children eat in the cafeteria.

Health and safety:
Medication management procedures are followed when children are prescribed medication. Radon testing was completed in March 2022 with test results of 2.7 pCi/L in the original main room and 1.9 pCi/L in the art room. It was previously reported that the boilers have been removed and the school will be all electric.
Fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented on a monthly basis.
Please review your emergency policies and procedures/emergency preparedness plans and make sure you have all of the DHHS required policies/procedures. Please review emergency plans with all staff.
The sinks in the rooms have water fountains on them, I would recommend that they be removed or have the water fountain covered as they are a health and safety concern as they aren't sanitary. The sinks are used for hand washing after using the bathroom which may cause cross contamination and children put their mouths on the water fountains.

Playground:
There are two playground areas, one in for the three to five year olds and the other is for the school age children. One playground area was closed until the fence was replaced in October 2023. This area is shaded in the summer. The school age playground has a climbing wall, and swings with padded surfacing. The center practices and documents monthly playground inspections.

Center transportation:

The school bus provides transportation to some of the children. A school bus is provided when the program takes field trips. Walking field trips are taken.

Administrative records:
Three staff files were read and were in good order.
Children's files were read and were in good order.
Make sure you have a copy of the current version of the Child Care Centers and Preschools Licensing standards and Procedures handbook.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is an excellent resource for the school and community.
Crystal Keiser was hired as the director, she began working at the center in May 2023.
The center participates in the Quality Rating System (QRS) and they are a level 2, they will apply for IQ4K..
The staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
Crystal is very positive and was helpful during my licensing visit.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
Please review your product for sanitizing and disinfecting with your child care nurse consultant or your Child Care Resource and Referral worker to make sure the product is approved for child care - Neutral Quat Disinfectant Cleaner Concentrate, Crystal reported they get this product from the school. You will need to follow the three step bottle procedure 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing.
Make sure staff purses and person belongings are not accessible to the children.
Storage of mats - make sure the bottom of the mats don't touch the top of the mat underneath it, this is considered unsanitary. You may need to come up with other storage solutions i.e. storing mat covering in a cubby.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
Lesson plans/activities are needed.

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed.Staff preparing food that have injuries on hands wear protective gloves.Staff serving food use clean serving utensils and have clean hands/wear protective gloves.
Additional concerns: When children bring their lunch it must be properly refrigerated in a refrigerator.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 11-1-2022 to 11-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 11-8-2023.

A referral to Child Care Resource and Referral will be made to provide consultation and training on lesson plans/activities, sanitizing product, 3 bottle procedure, making sure you have all the emergency policies and procedures, and review medication management.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.