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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Metro Kids - River Woods

Provider No.: 36575

Address: 2929 SE 22nd St, Des Moines, IA, 50320

County: Polk

Director's Name: Linda Phillips

On-Site Supervisor: Anie Woods

Phone Number: 5152427951

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HHS Visit Date: 03/09/2026

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/13/2024

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		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Tuesday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Wednesday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Thursday		2:30 PM to 5:30 PM	
Friday		2:30 PM 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				150	150
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

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, gym and one classroom 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. Anie has an AA degree in Early Childhood Education. She has been with Metro Kids since 2022.

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 center's schedule is posted in the cafeteria. A current lesson plan was posted today. The center has age appropriate supplies and toys available and easily accessible for children's use.

Anie assisted with today's visit. There were three staff working today. There were eleven left at the time of today's visit. Children were observed while on the playground. The staff were spaced out on the playground, interacting consistently during the visit.

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 during the school year. The center provides snacks.

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

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

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.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

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

NA

5. 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.iowa.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.

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

Date: 03/16/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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