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

Name of Center: Cadence Academy Preschool - Iowa City **Enrollment:** 63 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24244

Street: 325 S Dubuque St **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52240 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 325 S Dubuque ST, Iowa City, IA, 52240

Director's Name: Jean Grauer **Phone Number:** 319-621-7349

On-Site Supervisor(s): Molly DeWolf **E-Mail:** director.iowacity@cadence-academy.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-19-2022

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:** 05-03-2021

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

Date Inspected: 07-06-2022

Comments : Does Comply

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited X NAEYC NSACA Other NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 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	44	18	40	12	114
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2021 to 07-01-2023
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 12-19-2022

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I arrived at Cadence Academy for an annual visit on 12/19/2022. The center is for profit. The center provides child care for children 6 weeks old to five year old. The center has 63 children enrolled. The center is open Monday-Friday 7:00am-6:00pm.

The center is inside of a commercial building. They currently has eight classrooms, a supply room, staff break room, kitchen and offices. The center's fire inspection was completed on 7/6/22.

The director is Jean Grauer. Jean has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She has been with Cadence since 10/2006.

The onsite supervisor is Molly DeWolf. Molly has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Associate's Early Childhood Development. She has been with Cadence since 8/2019.

The center uses Ascend Curriculum. The Ascend Curriculum combines skill-based learning across 9 different learning domains, including literacy, math, science, physical fitness, creative expression, social-emotional development, cultural understanding, technology and language.

The center provides morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack.

The center does not offer field trips. They do have guest speakers come into the center.

All program space was observed. The areas observed included: classroom safety/activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observations, field trip/transportation practices, and file/policies/notebook review.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has NAEYC Accreditation.
-The center uses Ascend Curriculum. The Ascend Curriculum combines skill-based learning across 9 different learning domains, including literacy, math, science, physical fitness, creative expression, social-emotional development, cultural understanding, technology and language.
-The center uses Kid Reports app for open parent communication.
-The center works with Area Education Agency.
-Child and staff files were in full compliance.
-Staff did an excellent job of being at the children's level.
-Staff completing diaper changes were talking to or singing to the children.

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.
-In the Preschool 2 Classroom white out, essential oils and goo gone where accessible. These must be stored inaccessible to children at all times.
-In the kitchen the door was open leaving knives and cleaning supplies accessible. These items must be locked up or inaccessible to children at all times.
-In the staff bathroom and breakroom cleaning supplies were accessible. These must be stored inaccessible to children at all times.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:

CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.