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

Name of Center: Morning Star Academy **Enrollment:** 32 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 21113

Street: 1426 Tanglefoot Lane **City:** Bettendorf Iowa **Zip** 52722 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 1426 Tanglefoot Lane, Bettendorf, IA, 52722

Director's Name: Sharon Johnson **Phone Number:** 563-359-5700

On-Site Supervisor(s): none **E-Mail:** Sharon.Johnson@msa-qc.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-06-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 08-25-2023

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 School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			20		20
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2024 to 01-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 09-08-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 9/6/23. The preschool director is Sharon Johnson. Sharon is also the lead teacher for portions of the preschool program. Sharon was present for this visit. This preschool is owned and operated by the Morning Star Academy which is a private school for children age preschool through 12th grade. The school is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International and the Association of Classical and Christian Schools. The preschool is managed by a voluntary board of directors. The school is non-profit. The preschool operates during the school year only. The program does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The preschool operates out of one room on the main level of the school. The preschool room continues to be adequately furnished with materials and supplies to support program activities. The preschool room includes an adjacent restroom area with one toilet and a sink. There is also a hand washing sink within the program room. The children may also use hallway restroom areas that are just outside and across the hall from the preschool room. The children are able to use the school gymnasium space for indoor large motor activities. The four year old preschool children also use the school library weekly. All program space was observed.

Food service consists of only snack. Parents provide this from a menu that is predetermined and exceeds CACFP requirements in most cases. The center does not participate in the CACFP.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Sharon continues to manage the program quite well. The staff continue to work well together. The preschool setting is enhanced by being located within a private educational institution where additional resources and supports are available to staff and children. There continues to be good support for the preschool within the community. Parents are provided written progress reports four times per year for the preschool children. Staff remain consistent at the preschool. Staff were again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities, and the children were busy with a variety of activities. The room itself is bright with windows and is decorated with children's materials. Staff and child files and other required licensing documentation continue to be highly organized. The attention to detail in the organization of this preschool program does not go unnoticed.

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

N/A

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ensure all children have a valid immunization certificate on file at the center prior to the child starting at the center (Iowa DPH certificate form signed and dated by medical personnel).

This preschool will continue with a full license. Please address the concerns noted in the report so that corrections are obvious. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

*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.