

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

Name of Center: Panther Academy **Enrollment:** 77 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36659

Street: 321 W South St **City:** Monticello **Iowa Zip:** 52310 **County:** Jones

Mailing Address: 321 W South St, Monticello, IA, 52310

Director's Name: Tammy Helgens **Phone Number:** 319-465-6882

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** Tammy.Helgens@monticello.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 03-19-2019

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **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: 09-13-2017

Comments : Does Comply.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**
Financial Type: Profit X **Non-Profit** **NA**
Accreditation: 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:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			20	40	60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 04-01-2019 to 04-01-2021
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCAION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

Date: 03-19-2019

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Panther Academy is located inside of Shannon Elementary School.

An unannounced visit was completed on 3/19/19. All programming space was observed.

The center's approved fire inspection was completed on 9/13/17.

The director is Tammy Helgens. Tammy started in 2015. She has two years management experience and has also worked in the preschool/kindergarten classroom.

The center provides child care for approximately 77 children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

- The center has done a great job maintaining staff. One staff started in 2008, 2010 and 2014.
- Child files were in full compliance.
- The center visits: Niabi Zoo, Imagination Station, John Deere Museum, Kernels Baseball Game, Riverboat Museum, Amana Theater for a play, swimming, library, movies, and bowling.
- Staff are always actively engaged with the children.

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

109.7(3): During their first three months of employment, all staff shall receive the following training: Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the department in following areas.

- One employee needed Essentials Training.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

- Playground inspections were not completed in 11/18 or 12/18. These must be done monthly.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

- Radon testing last done 2/17. This has been completed the center is awaiting results.

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.

I encourage you to contact your local nurse consultant. Child Care Nurse Consultants work with child care and early education businesses. Businesses may call or send questions to a child care nurse consultant about health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: <http://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants>

I encourage you to contact Child Care Resource and Referral. They offer centers assistance with meeting the DHS regulations, QRS, infant/toddler concerns, room arrangement and environment, developmental concerns, Best Practice information, CDA assistance, or any questions or concerns you may have. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: http://www.iowaccrr.org/who_we_are/region_5/

*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.