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

Name of Center: Lourdes Little Lancers **Enrollment:** 114 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 46494

Street: 1414 Mississippi Blvd **City:** Bettendorf Iowa **Zip** 52722 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 1414 Mississippi BLVD, Bettendorf, IA, 52722

Director's Name: Beth Giese **Phone Number:** 563-359-4037

On-Site Supervisor(s): none **E-Mail:** lll@lourdes.pvt.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 03-27-2024

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: 04-09-2023

Comments : Fire inspections rec'd for both buildings as of 6/27/23.

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			60	60	120
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2024 to 07-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 04-01-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit took place at the center on 3/27/24. Beth Giese is the approved center director with several years of experience working at this program along with child development training and an AA degree. Beth was present along with other staff. This center had existed for a number of years prior to being required to be licensed by DHS with the removal of the Department of Education exemption. The center uses identified licensed space within the Lourdes Catholic School Building and the preschool childcare building that is located across the street from the main school building. The program operates year round and provides care to children age three and up. Enrollment is much higher during the school year. The program does not operate on non-school days during the school year. The program may provide care to children who attend this school or to families who attend the parish.

The main school building includes the following licensed program areas: room 21 (three year old preschool room and summer care for three through five year old children), room 24 (summer care for school age children), and the cafeteria which is used for school age child care before and after school and in the summer. The cafeteria is also used for all food service activities for school age child care. The three year old preschool room includes an adjacent restroom area with one toilet and one sink as well as a sink within the program room itself. Room 24 includes a hand washing sink in the room. Two hallway restroom areas both separated for boys and girls with multiple toilets and sinks are used for larger group restroom times in the school building (one near room 21 and the other near the cafeteria). The preschool childcare building includes a large program room and a separated program room that is adjacent to the large room. This building is used for all preschool age child care and for early morning and late afternoon child care for all children in the summer. The preschool childcare building includes an adjacent restroom area to the program space as well as two sinks (one hand washing and the other a food prep sink) located within the program room.

The center is also able to use the school gymnasium for indoor large motor activities, the school library, and school computer area; however, this space is not always available.

The center does not participate in the CACFP but knows they are responsible for meeting those requirements for all meals and snacks. The center serves morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. Lunch is provided by the school cafeteria/kitchen on school days. The school kitchen is licensed by the IDPH and that license is current. On non-school days children are required to bring lunch from home. The center provides milk for lunch. The center is aware that lunches from home for non-school age children have to be monitored and supplemented by the center to meet CACFP requirements.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Preschool aged program rooms were again very well supplied, organized, and arranged with plenty of materials to support program needs. Books are displayed nicely for the children. Children's crafts and projects are displayed. The center completes daily notes for each child with the exception of school age children. The staff were again observed to be highly engaged in activities with the children, and the staff appear to work well together. The center's required licensing documentation, staff, and child files are highly organized, and the center director is using a tracking system to ensure staff file compliance.

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

STAFF FILES:
109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have evidence of required annual training hours requirements.

CHILDREN'S FILES:
109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
1. Some children's files do not include the annual update for the emergency consent statement and/or hospital. The center director states this is a result of the center changing over to a different system of forms and is in process of being corrected.

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.
1. Fall surface cushioning material is not adequate in some areas of the fall zone around and under climbing equipment. This was cited previously.

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks. Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted. Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking.
1. Some lunches on the posted menu do not meet CACFP requirements. This has been reviewed with the center director. Ensure items to supplement what may be sent over from the school are then written on the posted menu(s).

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure they are in compliance.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. 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.