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

Name of Center: Urbandale Adventuretime-Valerius Elementary **Enrollment:** 93 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 43774

Street: 3305 92nd ST **City:** Urbandale Iowa **Zip** 50322 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 3305 92nd ST, Urbandale, IA, 50322

Director's Name: Jake Leonard **Phone Number:** 515-313-6550

On-Site Supervisor(s): Adrienne Brewton **E-Mail:** leonardj@urbandaleschools.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-27-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-05-2025

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

Date Inspected: 09-24-2024

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years. The Urbandale Fire Marshal also inspected the program on 7/28/23 as this is a new building.

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	0	0	0	200	200
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2025 to 10-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nathan Knepper **Date:** 08-27-2025

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing inspection was completed in the morning on 8/27/25. The director and the on-site supervisor were both present throughout this visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Urbandale Adventuretime - Valerius Elementary was given permission to open under HHS (formerly known as DHS) supervision on 8/18/14. Prior to becoming licensed under HHS, the program was licensed under the Department of Education. The program reopened in a brand new school building in 8/2023. This is one of four Adventuretime programs licensed by HHS. This program serves preschool children and school-age children. During the school year, hours of operation are 6:30am - 9:00am and then again 3:30pm - 6:00pm. On no school days and during the summer months, hours of operation are 6:30am - 6:00pm, Monday - Friday. The program utilizes a preschool classroom (school starts for preschool children on 8/28/25), a multi-purpose classroom (not currently being used), the art room, the gym, and the cafeteria. Total child capacity is 200.

The center is overseen by a Board. The director of all four Adventuretime programs is Jake Leonard. Jake has an AA degree as well as a BA degree. Jake also has past experience working in child care and specifically, school-age programs. The on-site supervisor at this location is now Adrienne Brewton. Adrienne has training and also past experience which includes being a site lead in the past at this program.

During the visit, children were divided up between the cafeteria and the main outdoor playground area. In the cafeteria, children were divided up into smaller groups and playing with the learning centers made available to them. There is a large storage closet where toys are rotated in and out. Some children were playing with Barbie dolls, some children were observed doing art, some children were playing with blocks, and two other children were playing a card game. Outside, children were using the swings and climbing structures. Staff were spaced out on the playground interacting with children. Children gave specific answers when questioned as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Team leads of the four Adventuretime programs meet two times a week for meetings.

The director of this center attends reoccurring meetings/phone calls with other directors of before/after school programs in nearby suburbs.

Staff wear Adventuretime shirts making them easily identifiable.

There is a good mix of tenured and new staff.

The director has past director experience working in before/after school programs. The new on-site supervisor was previously a team lead at this program.

The center has a good working relationship with the school and other community businesses.

The school provides AM snack, PM snack, and lunch (summer and no school days) for children.

Staff at this center meet weekly for all staff meetings.

The center is located in a brand new school building. There is more overall space, natural lighting, offices, etc.

There is an electronic application being used for parents to sign their child into/out of the program.

Program space was clean.

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

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
One child file was missing dental contact information.

109.11(8)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.
This is now past due as the last inspection was from 6/2024.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was completed in the preschool classroom 9/3/24 - 9/5/24. Radon levels were below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing, levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The annual HVAC/boiler inspection was completed in 6/2024 so it is past due.

For any field trips and transportation, the center contacts with the school district for a bus and driver.

I-Power was discussed at the visit. As mentioned at last year's inspection, all staff will need to have I-Power profiles and upload training certificates. If a person is no longer with the program, they should be unlinked in I - Power from the program.

This consultant's most current contact posting was emailed to the director after the inspection concluded.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.