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

Name of Center: La Petite Academy **Enrollment:** 101 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24278

Street: 1504 Mall DR **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52240 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 1504 Mall DR, Iowa City, IA, 52240

Director's Name: Julie Reid/Sarah Wood **Phone Number:** 319-338-4513

On-Site Supervisor(s): Victoria Coulter/Emily Weets **E-Mail:** 7263@lapetite.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-16-2023

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:** 05-02-2022

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

Date Inspected: 04-18-2023

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: X Accredited 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	24	21	42	15	102
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2022 to 07-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 06-19-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at LaPetite Academy on 6/16/2023. The center provides childcare for infants-school aged children. The center is open from 7:00am to 5:30pm. The center has 101 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center is for profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 4/18/2023.

The director is Julie Reid. Julie has a Child Care Development Specialists Certificate and 46 hours towards a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education at Hawkeye Community College. Julie has worked in child care since 2010.

The School Education Manager is Sarah Wood. She has an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. She started in 2008.

Assistant director Victoria Coulter. She has a Bachelor's Degree is Speech Pathology. She started in 2019.

The onsite supervisor is Emily Weets. She started in 2018. Emily has a Bachelor's Degree in Interdepartmental Studies Applied Human Services.

This worker observed all classrooms. The center has 6 classrooms, a kitchen, office and storage space. The center uses the Learning From The Start Curriculum.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed.

The center does offer field trips for children enrolled in

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has National Early Childhood Program Accreditation.
-The center has Iowa Quality Rating Scale Level 4.
-The center uses the Sprout About App. This allows parents/guardians the opportunity to log in and view live footage of their children, surveys, communication, and pictures.
-The center has a Safety Captain to ensure compliance with overall safety.
-Classrooms are clean and well organized.
-The center staff do an excellent job of being at the children's level.
-Lead teachers all have degrees.
-The center offers diapers and wipes included in the tuition.
-Enrichment classes are available for an extra cost and they include: Spanish, Phonics, Sign Language, Yoga, Music and

Kids in the Kitchen.

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.
-The center must ensure that plastic bags and diaper bag sleeves are stores inaccessible to the children.
-The kitchen must be locked at all times or cleaning supplies must be stored inaccessible to the children.
-Bathroom floors must be kept clean. Storage cannot be on the floor in the bathroom. Floors, walls, and ceilings should be in good repair, and easy to clean when soiled. Only smooth, nonporous surfaces should be permitted in areas that are likely to be contaminated by body fluid.

If the center wishes to store items in the restroom the following may be an option:
https://www.webstaurantstore.com/tot-mate-tm2336a-s2222-maple-laminate-diaper-wall-storage-46-x-15-x-23-1-2/538TM2336MPA.html

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based on where the children/staff are to go for tornados there is not sufficient space. Wall storage shelving must be purchased to store items off the floor. Plastic bags and diaper sleeves cannot be accessible to children.

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. 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.iow a4cs.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.