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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell-Maple Grove Elementary

Provider No.: 44015

Address: 1455 98th ST, West Des Moines, IA, 50266

County: Polk

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes and Rich Miller

On-Site Supervisor: Victoria Montz

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HHS Visit Date: 11/24/2025

Licensing Period: 01/01/2025 to 01/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/23/2025

Comments: West Des Moines Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years for licensing.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	0	245	245
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 11/24/25. The on-site supervisor was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed with the exception of the playground due to weather. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation (of monthly safety checks), field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Beyond the Bell - Maple Grove Elementary is a school-age program located within the Maple Grove Elementary School in West Des Moines, IA. The program was previously supervised by the Department of Education and was given permission to open under HHS (formerly known as DHS) licensing on 9/2/14. During the school year, children who attend this school attend this Beyond the Bell program. However, during summer months, there is open enrollment. Hours are 6:30am - 6:00pm during the summer months and no-school days. During the school year, children attend 6:30am - 8:40am and/or 3:40pm - 6:00pm. The program is one of several Beyond the Bell programs and they all use a similar learning curriculum based off of other learning curriculums. The center uses the cafeteria and the gym as well as the outdoor playground.

All Beyond the Bell programs are overseen by a Board and owned by the Waukee School District. The directors of this program and the other Beyond the Bell programs are Andrea Wilmes and Rich Miller. Andrea is also the director at the three Wee Care programs and Vince Meyer program located within the Waukee School District. Both individuals meet the requirements for director. The on-site supervisor at this location is Victoria Montz as of 8/2019. Victoria has a BA degree and also has past experience working with school-age children to meet the requirements for on-site supervisor.

During the visit, all of the children and staff were in the cafeteria. Children had just finished their PM snack and were

engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations made available to them. Staff were spaced out among the different groups of children and were interacting with the children. Toys, tables, and other equipment are being cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected daily.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Staff use walkie-talkies to communicate with each other throughout the center.

A good system is in place for gathering attendance of children who attend the program after school is dismissed as well as for any field trips.

All of the Beyond the Bell programs have information posted online through the Waukee School District Website.

Monthly staff meetings are held. In addition, directors from this program meet with other western-suburb, school-age programs quarterly for meetings. Team leads (on-site supervisors) of the Beyond the Bell programs also have weekly meetings with each other.

Staff from BTB and Wee Care are interchangeable between sites as needed.

The gym and the cafeteria are connected to each other and a portable wall is opened up during hours of operation. The flow of activities and children in the gym and cafeteria is better because of this set up.

Good staff – child interactions were again observed throughout the visit.

The center has a good working relationship with other school personnel.

Staff reportedly work well with each other.

The on-site supervisor continues to believe that a strength of the program is the constant communication with parents, children, each other, and other school personnel.

The on-site supervisor is organized.

Enrollment has increased again over the past year.

All BTB programs have a Curriculum Specialist and a Behavioral Specialist who goes between sites offering assistance.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(1)a All files contain:
The SING (Iowa) results were missing in one file.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

N/A. The programs have been working with the Waukee Schools HR department on this issue of getting record checks to the specific sites as required.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they are located within a school and only serve school-age children.

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For field trips, the center contact with the school and takes a school bus and driver.

Nutrition: During the school year, children are served breakfast through the school if they have money in their accounts. The center provides a PM snack after school. For No School days and summer, the center provides the AM snack and PM snack and children/parents are responsible for providing their children's lunches.

I- Power was discussed at the visit. All staff need to have I - Power profiles and trainings uploaded into I - Power. Any staff no longer with the program should be unlinked from the center's I- Power profile.

Date: 11/25/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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