Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Montessori School Of Iowa City

Provider No.: 24263

Address: 374 Holiday Rd, Coralville, IA, 52241

County: Johnson

Director's Name: Terrah Taggart

On-Site Supervisor: Beth Zanzie

Phone Number: 3193389650

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HHS Visit Date: 12/17/2025

Licensing Period: 01/01/2026 to 01/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/22/2024

Comments: Does Comply.

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	7:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	7:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	7:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	7:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	7:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General		34	120	47	201
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This worker arrived at Montessori School Of Iowa City - 24263 for their annual visit. The center is in a commercial building. The center uses eight classrooms, a kitchen, lunchroom, large motor room, staff break room, offices and storage areas. The center is open year around Monday thru Friday from 7:30am to 6:00pm. The center provides child care for two-year-old children to school aged children.

The director is Terrah Taggart. Terrah has a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies, a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, a minor in Psychology, and endorsements in Reading, Language Arts, and Speech Communication/Theatre. She started in 8/2019.

The on-site supervisor is Beth Zanzie. Beth holds an American Montessori Society Primary (3-6 years old) credential and a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education specializing in Early Childhood. Beth started in 8/2004.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center staff provided careful supervision during the visit. The center was in ratio during the visit.

The center ensures that medication is stored and documented appropriately, handwashing procedures are followed, and staff know how to use the cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting products.

The center provides lunch. Parents provide snack on a rotating basis. They have morning snack and afternoon snack. The center ensures that each child is served a full, nutritionally balanced meal/snack as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff

provided careful supervision at the table during snacks and meals. Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage were followed. Menus were posted.

The center's curriculum is teacher created using the following curriculum: Montessori and Common Core. The center does not offer transportation or field trips.

All required postings were displayed on the date visit. Child files were in full compliance. Staff files were in full compliance.

The licensing notebook was in full compliance including floor plans, drills, first aid checklist, playground inspections, fuel burning inspection, radon testing, staff handbook/parent handbook and emergency preparedness.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-The center is an Associate School Member of the American Montessori Society.
-All lead teachers have a bachelor's degree.
-All lead teachers have Montessori Certification from a MACTE Accredited Institution
-The school caters from Preferred Food services to ensure a nutritional meal is provided.
-The center is clean, nicely decorated and welcoming to those who enter.
-The children have access to a wide variety of educational and engaging activities to choose from.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. If citations were issued please ensure that they are corrected as soon as possible. It is important that the director and all staff review the updated Iowa Code 109 https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/providerportal/DocumentViewer.aspx?ID=19 and Comm. 204: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/6489/download?inline

This worker encourages all centers to work with Child Care Resource and Referral Consultant and their Child Care Nurse Consultant.

Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Agencies play a vital role in supporting the quality of child care across Iowa by offering both on-site and virtual consultation services to licensed preschools, Child Care Centers, nonregistered Child Care Home providers and registered Child Development Home (CDH) providers. CCR&R agencies assist providers in complying with state regulations by offering expert consultation, training, and professional development opportunities to enhance the quality of care they provide. A key focus is supporting providers in achieving high performance within the Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) system https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/iq4k, which aims to improve child care quality across the state. In addition to supporting providers, CCR&R agencies also offer parent referral services and consumer education, helping families navigate the child care system and find quality care options.

Child Care Nurse Consultants (CCNCs) are registered nurses who have early childhood training and are experts in child health, child care, and child safety. CCNC services are available statewide and are part of the Healthy Child Care Iowa program. ECE providers may call or email questions to their local CCNC about health and safety policies, health records, health resources, and specific child health or safety concerns. To contact your local CCNC go to https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci and click on the "CCNC Local Services Map."

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Date: 01/19/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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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