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

Name of Center: New Creations Child Care & Learning Ctr at Ankeny **Enrollment:** 77 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52269

Street: 3004 NW 18th ST **City:** Ankeny Iowa **Zip** 50023 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 3424 EP True PKWY, West Des Moines, IA, 50265

Director's Name: Cambria Lewis **Phone Number:** 515-800-0029

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jordan Foundtain **E-Mail:** ankeny@newcreationschildcare.com cambria.morris@newcreationschildcare.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-31-2025

X **Licensing Visit** X **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:** 07-18-2023

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

Date Inspected: 06-16-2025

Comments : Ankeny Fire Marshal

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X 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*
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			

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	66	30	70	24	190
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2025 to 08-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 08-01-2025

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

New Creations Child Care and Learning Center Ankeny opened on 8/14/23. The center is located in a single standing building with a secured entrance. The center serves children six weeks in age through school-age. This is one of three New Creations programs located within the Des Moines Metro. The center is privately owned by a company based out of Minnesota. The regional director of all three Iowa programs is Cambria Morris. Cambria has a BA degree as well as past experience working in child care which includes being a director. Cambria is serving as director of this center at this time. Jordan Fountain is the on site supervisor.

Mandatory posting are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules are posted in each classroom. New Creations provides the learning curriculum for all their centers. The current lesson plan, "Planes, Trains and Automobiles" was posted. Classrooms have age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning supplies.

Cambia and Jordan assisted with today's visit. The center is currently using seven classrooms. All classrooms were at or above ratio requirements today.
There are four infant classrooms. There are two infant classrooms and two waddler (1's) classrooms. There is one 2's classroom. There is one PreK (3-5's) classroom. There is one KinderCamp (Kindergarten and 1st grade) classroom. Children were observed during small group activities. Staff were reading books and assisting children with their learning and play activities. Children were doing various table activities, such as manipulative play and painting.

The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center serves breakfast and afternoon snack. The center gets lunch from the New Creations Child Care and Learning Center in Waukee.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

The center has fenced in playgrounds. The center turf and grass for surfacing. The center completes monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The directors of all three New Creations programs in the Des Moines metro meet regularly with each other as well as the regional director. Paperwork was well organized.

The center participates in IQ4K and has a one star rating.

The center has video cameras in all classrooms and the playground.

Monthly all-staff meetings are held.

The center was very clean and had good lighting throughout.

Field turf has been installed in a section of the playground.

Staff use walkie talkies between each other to increase communication.

The center works regularly with AEA and CCR&R.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*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.