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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Delwood Child Care Program

Provider No.: 46382

Address: 311 Delmare Ave, Delmar, IA, 52037

County: Clinton

Director's Name: Ruth Fuegen

On-Site Supervisor: none

Phone Number: 5636744164

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HHS Visit Date: 10/03/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/07/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			23	25	48
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 10/3/25. The center director is Ruth Fuegen. Ruth was present on the day of the visit. Ruth is also the lead staff in the three year old preschool/child care room. The center uses identified licensed space within the Delwood Elementary School building. The program operates on school days only and provides preschool for three year old children and child care for children age three through school age who attend this school. The school does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program and offers full day Department of Education programming for five year old children not yet enrolled in kindergarten.

At the time of this visit, the rooms used for programs required to be licensed on the main level of the building include one preschool/child care rooms (Ms. Ruth's room, "green room", right side room, used for three year old preschool/school day care), cafeteria (used for breakfast, lunch, and snacks for all children), and gym (used for child care before and after school day hours). Ms. Ruth's room is nicely stocked and organized with accessible and age appropriate materials to meet program needs. The room includes a hand washing sink within the program room and an adjacent restroom area (two toilets and one hand washing sink). Children must travel to use the restroom for the other program space (cafeteria and gym). There is a hallway hand washing sink and restroom area that is near the cafeteria. Hallway restroom areas are used for children when they are in the gym. The preschool age children can use the school gym for indoor large motor activities if available during the school day. The children are able to attend the school library and music class weekly. The center director notes that the DHS licensed staff attend these programs with the children and ratio is maintained. All program space was observed.

The center serves breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and a later afternoon snack. The center does not participate in the CACFP but does participate in the school lunch program. It is noted that the meals and snacks that are served in the cafeteria when all children (preschool and school age) are co-mingled are allowed to meet school lunch program requirements rather than CACFP requirements. Currently, the center director states that children are combined like this for breakfast, lunch, and later afternoon snack. Breakfast would be considered part of the school day for the school age children. There is an extra charge for breakfast and lunch. Some children do bring their lunch from home. The center is reminded that lunches from home must be monitored and supplemented to meet CACFP guidelines. Meals and snacks are prepared by the school kitchen which is licensed by IDPH, and that license is current. Parents are able to donate items for snack if they choose to do so.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center is providing a needed service to the families of this community. The school is supportive to the licensed preschool/child care program. The program rooms and materials continue to be well organized and maintained. Rooms provide ample amount of space and are bright with windows. The preschool/childcare room is well supplied and materials are accessible. The children have regular access to the school gym and library. Staff were once again observed to be highly

engaged with the children in program activities. Child and staff files and other licensing information were again found to be highly organized. The school building itself continues to be very clean and well maintained.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2)h: Signed and dated valid Certificate of Immunization, Certificate of Immunization Exemption, or Provisional Certificate of Immunization, provided by the department must be on file for each child enrolled as required by Iowa Administrative Code 641—7.

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

CHILD FILES:
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1. _3_ immunization certificates were not valid because they were not signed and dated by the medical personnel as required. Valid signed and dated IDPH immunization certificate is required to be on site prior to the child attending the center.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing for the gymnasium received on 11/12/25, report can be completed.

The center reminded of allowable age combinations. Three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless very specifically if it is during the first two hours and/or last two hours of the center's operation AND only if there are seven or fewer children at the center AND only if there is ONE staff in ratio with the children. Three through five year old children may be grouped together, and children age four and older may be grouped together.

The existing licensed rooms have the following capacities:
Green room (Ms. Ruth, room on the right, closest to door that leads to the main school building) = 23 children
Cafeteria = 25 children

Gymnasium not included in license capacity but can accommodate the total license capacity for the center so long as the total number of children present at the center does not exceed the total license capacity.

1. Ensure children wash hands immediately prior to food service activities and travel directly to the table to be seated.
2. Consultation provided in regards to proper standing diaper change procedures.
3. Ensure required annual review with staff of the center's emergency plans and procedures is documented.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the violations and the items noted above in this section of the report so that corrections are obvious and are maintained. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

Date: 10/10/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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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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