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

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell-Loess Hills Elementary **Enrollment:** 70 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 43963

Street: 1717 Casselman ST **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51103 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 2500 Glenn Ave Ste 78, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Jenna Andrews **Phone Number:** 712-277-3600

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jennifer Foster **E-Mail:** jandrews@siouxlandship.org

Date(s) of Visit: 05-15-2025

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:** 04-04-2024

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

Date Inspected: 06-18-2024

Comments :

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				249	249
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2024 to 06-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer **Date:** 05-23-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker made an unannounced visit to Beyond the Bell - Loess Hills Elementary on 05/15/25. Beyond the Bell Loess Hills provides a before and after school childcare program. The program is located in Loess Hills elementary school. The program utilizes the lunch/commons room and gym. The program is operated by the Beyond the Bell organization Monday thru Thursday 6:30am to 8:30am then 3:30pm to 6:00pm. On Friday's 6:30am to 8:30am & 1:30pm to 6:00pm. The program serves pre-K to fifth grade. There are 69 kids present today. There are 70 children enrolled. There is a buzzer outside the building to get into the school and the Beyond the Bell program. Staff meet parents at the door to gain access to the program.

Jennifer Foster is the onsite supervisor and has many years of experience working with children.

All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues to clean toys that children use. The after-school program provides various group activities as well as individual self-directed activities for the children.

The center divides the children into two groups; K to 2nd grade and 3rd to 5th grade and rotate them through the gym and commons room throughout the day. The program has centers stored in totes in their storage area and set up different ones each day at tables throughout the lunchroom. The program has the following activities/centers that children can utilize: art, books, games, crafts, toys, cars, puzzles and Legos. They also set up a homework table for children that have homework to complete.

This worker observed snack time and check in time as well as some activities. Students check in with staff in the commons area and depending on their age, they stay there or go into the gym until everyone is accounted for. Daily schedule of activities was posted. There are many different activities and toys to engage students. The children have access to enrichment classes whereby they spend time with schoolteachers to improve academic skills and then return to the after-school program. I observed the staff conversing with the children, explaining rules to the children, getting children involved in activities and assisting children with activities. The program uses the Playground Childcare App. The program is considered a Grant School, so children can attend the program for free.

They have access to the school playground which is in good repair.

Snacks are prepared by the Sioux City School District, who follow the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Medication is stored in a lock box but there are currently no children using medication in this group.

Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips They utilize the school buses and Sioux City School System drivers. Staff accompany the children on all the field trips.

Staff files were reviewed earlier this year at the main office. Children’s files have been updated timely.

There is no summer programing at this school for the summer of 2025.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Staff ratio is appropriate, and these staff members are involved with the children and participate in activities.
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The program provides tutoring to kindergarten and first grade children with a licensed elementary school teacher.

Staff new the names of each student and engaged the students in activities.

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

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

Although there is exit signs there are no diagraphs of the actual tornado or fire drill route.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please provide a written response by 07/01/225that items that are below standards have been completed.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year

*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.