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

Name of Center: Dallas Center-Grimes BASP **Enrollment:** 64 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28351

Street: 500 S James St **City:** Grimes Iowa **Zip** 50111 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: PO BOX 381, Grimes, IA, 50111

Director's Name: Jacob Moen **Phone Number:** 515-986-3068

On-Site Supervisor(s): Rhonda Neal **E-Mail:** jacobmoen270@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-07-2024

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 09-06-2023

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

Date Inspected: 08-13-2024

Comments : Johnston/Grimes Fire Marshal.

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: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				90	90
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2023 to 11-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 10-07-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 10/7/24. The director was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Dallas Center Grimes Before and After School Program is located at the Dallas Center- Grimes Elementary School (South Prairie) in Grimes, IA. The program is designed for children from Kindergarten through 5th grade during the school year and summer who attend this school, North Ridge, or Dallas Center. The program is parent-owned and is overseen by a Board. During the school year, children typically attend from 6:30am - 8:00am and/or 3:15pm - 6:00pm. During the summer and no school days, hours of operation are from 6:30am- 6:00pm. The center's curriculum is based off of the Creative Learning Curriculum. The program operates primarily in the cafeteria (which can be divided into two sections). The program also has access to the gym and outdoor playground. In the summer months, the program also uses the music room, art room, and library.

The director of the program as of 6/2023 is Jacob Moen. Jacob has a BA degree in Education as well as past experience working in child care, including this program.
Rhonda Neal is the on-site supervisor. Rhonda has worked at the program for several years and meets the qualifications as on-site supervisor. There are also several staff members who have worked at this program for a number of years and some staff who attended the program when they were children.

During the visit, all of the children and staff were outside on the playground playing in the designated areas. Staff were spaced out among the different groups of children and interacting with them.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Staff use Walkie-Talkies to communicate with each other within the different areas utilized by the center. This really seems to be a beneficial tool for staff to utilize and especially as parents arrive to pick up their children as was observed during the visit.

Enrollment has increased over the past year indicating a need in the community.

Several staff have been with the center for many years. In addition, some staff attended the center when they were children,

including the director. There is a good mix of tenured and newer staff.

The director believes staff work well together. Moral is high.

Monthly staff meetings are held. Documentation of these meetings are also recorded. There is usually at least one big all staff meeting for staff to get caught up on professional development training.

The director feels the center has a very good working relationship with the children and families they serve. Communication is stressed. The center uses the web/phone based app, Simple Texting for added communication with parents.

The center provides a nice variety of credible snacks for the children to choose from.

There is a secure entrance into the program. There is an external security system also in place.

Staff and child files were nicely organized.

The director is organized.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain: A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information. Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted. Copies of national criminal history check results. Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 1staff member needs to be fingerprinted. All 16 and 17 year old staff are required to be fingerprinted.

109.10(9): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are: In the center. In the outdoor play area. On field trips.
First-aid backpacks should be labeled as such.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

As previously noted at past visits, for transportation/field trips, the center contracts with the school district for a driver and a bus.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. Staff appear to be uploading their professional development training, but should also still keep hard copies of training in files.

A hand washing sign should be posted near the restroom sinks that the center mainly uses. A hand washing posting was emailed after the visit concluded.

*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.