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

Name of Center: KinderCare Learning Center #0837 **Enrollment:** 122 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 20740

Street: 2108 E Locust ST **City:** Davenport Iowa **Zip** 52803 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 2108 E Locust ST, Davenport, IA, 52803

Director's Name: Emma Anderson **Phone Number:** 563-326-1660

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** 300837@klcorp.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-01-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 09-18-2023

Comments :

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 X NAEYC NSACA Other 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*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	40	12	43	28	123
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2023 to 03-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 04-23-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 3/1/24. The center director, Emma Anderson, was present along with other staff. Prior to directing this center, Emma previously worked at another KinderCare location for a number of years and is qualified with experience, education, and training. This KinderCare Learning Center is part of a larger corporation. There is a well-defined corporate organizational structure. This center serves children age six weeks to 12 years and does provide before and after school and non-school day care for school age children. Emma accompanied the licensing consultant throughout the majority of the visit. This center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

This center operates in a building with a main and lower level, having nine separate program rooms/areas total. The center has the following program rooms on the main floor: Nursery/infant (six weeks to six months), infant B (six to 12 months), toddler A (12 through 18 months), toddler B (18 months to two years), 2s Room. It is noted that what was the two year old room is now toddler A, what was toddler A room is now toddler B room, and what was the toddler B room is now the two year old room. The center has the following program rooms on the lower level: Prek (four/five years), preschool (twos/threes), school age/transitional kindergarten (tk) (five years and older), and "indoor rec space". It is noted that the "indoor rec space" removes some of the capacity of the school age/tk room which is now a combined room. The center director states that the children on the lower level combine in the rec space area after 5pm. Program rooms were bright and many were decorated with various projects the children had created. In many areas this also included photo displays of the children themselves engaged in the various activities. Rooms were arranged with various learning and interest centers, especially the preschool, prek, tk, and school age rooms. Rooms were adequately stocked with mostly age appropriate furniture and accessible materials. Program rooms either included a hand washing sink within the program room and/or adjacent restroom areas. Toddler A and twos rooms share a connecting restroom area. Infant B and toddler B also share a connecting restroom area that is used for hand washing only. A diaper station has been added to the preschool room. All program space was observed.

This center serves breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack all prepared on site in the center kitchen. The center does participate in the CACFP.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has an IQ4K rating of four stars through 9/30/24. The center is NAEYC accredited through 6/1/27. The center director has a CDA. The center director reports that the corporation continues to offer to pay for staff to obtain their CDA and also offers to pay partial tuition for staff seeking higher education in the field. The center participates in the TEACH program. Staff and child files and other required licensing documentation were found to be organized. The center does appear to be using a tracking system for staff and child file compliance.

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

STAFF FILES:
109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have the physical completed pre-employment as required.

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Medication authorizations are missing the specific ending date for the period of authorization.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
1. Kitchen area continues not considered to be sanitary. Cabinets/drawers/floor surfaces are sticky to the touch, insides of drawers that include food service items are visibly dirty, countertop surfaces used for food service activities were observed to be cluttered with various other materials in the food preparation area. Food preparation surfaces shall cleared off so that they can be properly cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to this activity. This has been cited previously.
2. Tables and other surfaces used for food preparation/food service activities in the rooms are not being properly cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to each food service activity in all program spaces as required.
3. Children's personal items and blankets observed on the floor and not within their cubby spaces in the TK/School age room.
4. Chair blocks the exit door in the infant B room. Concerns with this have been noted previously.

109.12(5)b: Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
1. Review diaper procedures as they are posted. Staff observed not to follow procedures in the toddler A and twos rooms.
2. Diaper waste can is used for other waste in the toddler A, infant A, and infant B rooms. Diaper waste observed in open waste can in toddler B restroom area. Diaper waste shall be stored separate from other waste in a lidded, foot press operated container.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This report also processes an administrative change to update the license capacity of the center based on the new configuration of the main level of the building since the previous licensing visit. The room capacities for the center are as follows:

Main Level:
Infant A = 7 children (no change)
Infant B = 8 children (no change)
Toddler B (no cribs) = 10 children (previously Toddler A room)
Two Year Old room = 12 children (previously Toddler B room)
Toddler A (no cribs) = 15 children (previously Two Year Old room) (one diaper station)

Lower Level:
Three year old room (preschool room) = 22 children (no change)
Four/Five year old room (prek room) = 21 children (no change)
School age/transitional kindergarten area = 28 children (no change)

The lower level includes separated space that is called the "indoor rec space" that is used as break out space for various groups of children throughout the day. The room is not included in the center's license capacity because it is not an assigned program room, however, the room can have a maximum of 12 children at any given time.

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure they are in compliance.

1. Ensure water containers (coolers, dispensers, etc.) go through the dish washing process in the kitchen area at least daily and are refilled from a food preparation sink.
2. Improve storage of food service items within cabinets. These items shall be stored separate and sanitary from other miscellaneous items.
3. Ensure all spray bottles used for cleaning and disinfecting the diaper stations and restrooms are clearly labeled for use in these areas only and are maintained separate from other spray bottles.
4. Remove miscellaneous items that are being stored in the restroom area of the toddler B room. Restroom areas used as

restroom areas shall not be used as storage areas.
5. Ensure mini buses have the required no smoking posting visible.
6. Ensure first aid kits are clearly labeled for their location within closet areas.
7. Ensure vehicle maintenance records are maintained for review by the licensing consultant.
8. Ensure staff training requirements are completed within the first three months of employment as required.

The center will continue with a full license, however, additional attention is needed to the general cleanliness and sanitation of the building. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed and how compliance will be maintained. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

*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.