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

Name of Center: Sprout Kids Academy Inc **Enrollment:** 173 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47699

Street: 400 Elderberry St **City:** Tiffin Iowa **Zip** 52340 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 400 Elderberry St, Tiffin, IA, 52340

Director's Name: Rachel Volk **Phone Number:** 319-545-5437

On-Site Supervisor(s): Katie Cilek **E-Mail:** rachelvolk@sproutkidsacademy.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-10-2023

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:** 10-07-2022

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

Date Inspected: 07-27-2022

Comments : Does Comply.

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 X 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	48	48	48	50	194
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2022 to 12-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 10-12-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Sprout Kids Academy on 10/10/23. The center provides child care for infants-school aged children. The center is open Monday-Friday 6:15am to 6:00pm. The center has 173 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center has 12 classrooms, a gym, a kitchen, a break room and several offices. The center's fire inspection was completed on 7/27/2022.

The director is Rachel Volk. Rachel started at Sprout in August 2016.

The assistant director is Katie Cilek. Katie started at Sprout in January 2017.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center offers morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit.

The center offers field trips for preschool to school aged children. Examples include, Pumpkin Patch, nursing home, museums, parks, swimming pools, Adventureland, Trampoline Park, and Fun Station.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center's webpage is: https://www.sproutkidsacademy.com/
-The center utilizes Tadpoles for parent communication, daily notes check in and out, daily reports, and pictures/videos.
-The center has maintained lead teachers.
-All center staff wear Sprout shirts.
-The center partners with Clear Creek Amana to provide free 4 year old preschool programming.
-The center is clean, nicely decorated and welcoming to those who enter.

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
-Number not in compliance for dental: 1

109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age: Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets

Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child will be allowed to sleep in any items not designed for sleeping but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant.
-An infant crib is too close to an electrical cord for a sound machine.
-Infant cribs had soft items hanging from them for storage. These items could fall into the crib and create an unsafe sleeping environment.
-Several staff reported that unsafe sleep habits have been observed on more then one occasion including infants sleeping on large pillows, sleeping on boppy pillows and sleeping with blankets.

109.15(3)b: Children under six months held or fed in sitting-up position.
-A five month old infant was holding their bottle while laying on a boppy pillow. This cannot occur.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Infant room staff must complete a Safe Sleep Training through the Theo Wolf Foundation:
https://theowolffoundation.com/

Safe sleep materials were ordered and sent to the center. These must be reviewed with infant room staff.

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.