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

Name of Center: Sunshine Learning Center **Enrollment:** 87 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19109

Street: 101 Creslane DR **City:** Maquoketa Iowa **Zip** 52060 **County:** Jackson

Mailing Address: 101 Creslane DR, Maquoketa, IA, 52060

Director's Name: Amanda Burken **Phone Number:** 563-652-2847

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** amanda@sunshinemaquoketa.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-03-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 11-16-2020

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: 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	46	19	169	47	281
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2023 to 07-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 04-25-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 4/3/23. The center director, Amanda Burken, was present on the day of the visit along with other staff. Amanda is qualified with education, experience, and training. Amanda has functioned as the center director here since May 2013. MacKie Duhme is now the executive director for the center. This is a non-profit center governed by a board of directors. Amanda and MacKie accompanied the licensing consultant throughout the visit. The center operates out of the main level of a large building. The second level of the building is an attic just used for utilities and storage. The center does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant.

The center consists of the following program space: Common/lunch Room (currently all children age two and up combine at beginning of the day and afternoon snack for children age two through school age), toddler room (18 months up to two years), twos room (two years), big twos room (older twos/younger threes, most recently used for storage), “Ball room" (L shaped room, gross motor room, morning before school child care for fours and up, end of day child care for all ages), three/four year old preschool room (three to four year old preschool and three through five year old child care), fours/fives daycare room (four and five year old), ones room (12 to 18 months), "FAST room" (school age child care after school and on non school days), nursery (zero to 12 months). All program rooms are visible from the hallways either through large windows or through windows in the doors. Program rooms are generally well stocked with accessible materials. Materials were generally well maintained and organized. Program rooms include adjacent restroom areas and sinks in the restroom areas and also within the program rooms. Rooms with children in diapers include appropriate diaper stations. All program space was observed.

The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. All meals are prepared on-site in the center's kitchen by the experienced cook(s) and assistant. The center does participate in the CACFP. The kitchen continues to appear clean and is highly organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center director, executive director, and administrative staff have continued to work hard to maintain improvements made at the center. The director, administration, and staff continue to work well together. Staff were once again observed to be engaged with the children in activities in all program areas. Community support for the center continues to be strong. Program rooms are large and bright with windows, and children's crafts and projects are posted throughout. Staff in the nursery create a binder for each child with their projects/creations to go with them as they "graduate" from the room. The FAST room has been remodeled with new carpeting, painting, and new materials for the children have been added. The center is working with the city to remodel some other aspects of the center. Required licensing documentation, staff, and child files are organized.

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

CHILD FILES:

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.
1. _3_ child files reviewed did not have complete doctor information.
2. _1_ child file reviewed did not have hospital information.

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
1. _3_ certificates not valid (valid certificate required for child to attend the center).

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Medications present without current completed medication authorizations as required.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. 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. Pea gravel depth not sufficient in the fall zone areas where required.
2. Staff are using the sink for bottle preparation that is also used for hand washing activities in the nursery.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.
Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
1. Several program rooms did not have a current activity plan available or posted.

109.12(5)b: Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
1. Review diaper procedures as posted. Staff shall get out just the materials needed for the diaper change prior to starting.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ensure kitchen door remains closed at ALL times.
2. Ensure freezer in nursery is monitored with a visible working thermometer and maintains temperature of 0F or below if there is to be food/breast milk stored here.
3. Ensure staff physical is completed prior to the staff starting at the center as required.

Consultation has been provided to the center regarding the updated rules regarding combining different age groupings of children and what is allowed and when. The center will need to ensure they are in compliance with this moving forward.

The center will continue with a full license. 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. 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.