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

Name of Center: Cadence Academy Before and After School - Lakewood **Enrollment:** 19 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 33236

Street: 9210 Happy Hollow Drive **City:** Norwalk Iowa **Zip** 50211 **County:** Warren

Mailing Address: 8800 N Gainey Center Dr Ste300Attn: Accounts Receivable , Scottsdale, AZ, 85258

Director's Name: Teresa Hoskins **Phone Number:** 515-981-5404

On-Site Supervisor(s): Tianna Fergus **E-Mail:** director.norwalk@cadence-academy.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-09-2023

Licensing Visit **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:** 09-22-2022

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

Date Inspected: 08-22-2023

Comments : Fire Inspections are due at least every three years.

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: 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				60	60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2022 to 10-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV **Date:** 01-11-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off year annual visit was completed on 11-9-23. The Director was present throughout the visit.

This program is administered through Cadence Education Inc., located in Arizona. Teresa Hopkins is the director at the Oviatt School program and Orchard Hills school program in Norwalk, as well as this program at Lakewood School, which is located in the community of Lakewood. Teresa has been the director at these programs since the first one opened in 2004. Tianna Ferguson started as OSS-Lakewood 10/2023. Tianna has prior child care and director experience. Tianna has the necessary qualifications to be on-site supervisor.

This program at Lakewood school is for the 4th and 5th graders of Norwalk and Lakewood. A new elementary school opened in Norwalk, Orchard Hills. Orchard Hills houses children in 2nd and 3rd grades. Oviatt elementary houses children in Kindergarten through 1st grade.

This site only provides care after school, and is only used during the school year. Children attend from 3:10 pm to 6:00 pm, except on early out Wednesday's and the program then starts at 1:30 pm. Parents who need before school care take their children to the program at Oviatt Elementary in Norwalk in the mornings. Summer care for all ages of children who attend these three elementary schools is held at Oviatt elementary.

This program uses the cafeteria and gym, as well as the art room on occasion. There is a variety of activities available. Snack is provided and staff were observed to maintain structure while maintaining positive interactions with the children. The restrooms and playground are maintained by the school.

Information for mandatory reporter, handbook accessibility, consultant contact, license, emergency exit plans and non-smoking signs were posted as required.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This program fills a need for child care for the older age elementary school age children and is the only program in the community that provides care to this age group.

The director has established a strong rapport and relationship with the school administration. The school is happy to have this program for the children.

The program has a Facebook page and uses email as well to communicate with the parents. The program can also now use text messaging to communicate with parents on the work cell phone.

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: 1

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The director will go through all of the child files to ensure they have an annual update.

*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.