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

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell - Sugar Creek Elementary **Enrollment:** 96 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51905

Street: 965 Ashworth RD **City:** Waukee Iowa **Zip** 50263 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 430 Ashworth DR, Waukee, IA, 50263

Director's Name: Andrea Wilmes **Phone Number:** 515-987-5161

On-Site Supervisor(s): David Naylor **E-Mail:** awilmes@waukeeschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-13-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-02-2024

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

Date Inspected: 07-05-2022

Comments : Waukee Fire Marshal. For licensing purposes, 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: 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	0	0	0	274	274
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2024 to 10-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 09-13-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 9/13/24. The on-site supervisor was present for this 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.

Beyond the Bell - Sugar Creek Elementary is a newer center that was given permission to open on 8/23/22. The center is owned by the school and overseen by a Board. The director of this program and the nine other Beyond the Bell programs (as well as the three Wee Care programs) is Andrea Wilmes. Andrea has a BA degree and has worked in child care for many years, which includes many years as the director of the above named programs. The on-site supervisor of this program is David Naylor. David has a BA degree and a Masters degree and also has past experience working in child care, specifically before/after school programs.

The center serves school-age children who attend this school and they use parts of the Creative Learning Curriculum with children. There is a before school component, after-school component, and all-day programming on no school days and during the summer months. The center uses the gym (capacity 184), cafeteria (capacity 90), and outdoor playground area. Morning hours are 6:30am - 8:35am. Afternoon hours (not counting early out days) are 3:35pm - 6:00pm. Summer hours are 6:30am - 6:00pm.

During the visit, children slowly started arriving. Initially, all children were in the cafeteria and observed visiting with each other as they arrived. Later, children were divided up between the gym and the cafeteria. In the gym, children were observed in large motor activities. Staff were engaged with children and all of their activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a newer center within a new school that meets a need in the Waukee community. Enrollment has again increased over the past year.

There is a secure entrance into the building.

The director stated the on-site supervisor is very detailed, organized, and communicates well with others and she has received compliments on him because of these traits.

This is one of 10 Beyond the Bell programs (there are also three Wee Care programs). All have the same director and operate in similar fashion. There is continuity among all of the programs.

There are good relationships between staff, parents, and other school personnel.

Staff use walkie talkies to communicate between areas of the center.

Staff pictures are posted.

An organized system is in place for gathering children and attendance at the beginning of the day and end of the school day.

Staff reportedly work well with each other. There is stability between staff and their employment at this location.

Within the past year, the District has hired for the BTB programs and Wee Care programs a Curriculum Director as well as several behavioral specialists.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse. At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
ONE STAFF MEMBER PAST THEIR 90 DAYS IS NOT QUITE YET DONE WITH ESSENTIALS TRAINING. THERE IS A PLAN TO GET THE OTHER HALF COMPLETED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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.
Two first-aid kits were not labeled.

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.
There are still several bolts longer than two threads under one climbing structure that need to be capped. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing since they serve only school-age children in a school building.

The center contacts with the school district for transportation/field trips.

I - Power was discussed at the visit. Staff should continue to create profiles and upload training certificates if they are not automatically uploaded.

A second hand washing sign should be posted by one of the restroom sinks between the boys and girls restrooms.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.