

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Discussion Item:

Voluntary Certification of Non-Public Schools

Commissioner's Recommendation:

The Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) accept the recommendations for voluntary certification of the schools listed below from the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission (KyNPSC).

Rationale:

To certify the non-public schools that have voluntarily applied for this designation. The schools listed below have successfully completed the voluntary accreditation processes conducted by the KyNPSC or other accrediting associations approved by the KBE.

Action Question:

Should the KBE accept the recommendations of the KyNPSC and other approved accrediting associations to certify for the designated period of time the schools listed below?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.160(3)

History/Background:

Existing Policy: KRS 156.160(3) provides that any “private, parochial or church school may voluntarily comply with curriculum, certification, and textbook standards established by the Kentucky Board of Education and be certified upon application to the board by such schools.” At the September 1992 meeting, the KBE approved a process to certify voluntary non-public schools. The board certifies schools by considering the recommendations of the KyNPSC. The KyNPSC ensures that the schools being presented to the board for certification have successfully completed the accreditation process of one of the ten state, regional or national accrediting agencies approved for this purpose by the board. Those accrediting agencies include:

- The KyNPSC, Inc.
- American Association of Christian Schools (AACS)
- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) / AdvancEd
- Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
- Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)
- North American Division of Seventh Day Adventists
- International Christian Accrediting Association (ICAA)

- Association Montessori International (AMI)
- American Montessori Society (AMS)
- National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA)

Summary: The KyNPSC has worked closely with the KBE and the Kentucky Department of Education to establish the certification process for voluntary non-public schools. The Commission has appointed a coordinator for the project and monitors the process carefully before making the recommendations presented here. The schools listed below have successfully completed the voluntary accreditation processes conducted by the KyNPSC or the accrediting associations approved by the KBE.

The following schools are being recommended:

ONE year (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

Sayers Classical Academy
Ms. Sandra Lawson
7709 Bardstown Road
Louisville, KY 40291

FOUR years (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2020) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

Holy Family Collegiate High School
Mr. Matt Anderson
932 Winchester Avenue
Ashland, KY 41101

FIVE years (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2021) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

Blessed Sacrament Elementary School
Ms. Maureen Hannon
2407 Dixie Highway
Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017

Holy Family Elementary School
Ms. Diane Russell
338 East 16th Street
Covington, KY 41014

Holy Name Elementary School
Ms. Mary Caton
628 Second Street
Henderson, KY 42420

Lexington Montessori School
Ms. RandiLynn Tucker
319 South Broadway Park
Lexington, KY 40504

Mary, Queen of Heaven Elementary School
Ms. Lynn Mowery
1130 Donaldson Highway
Erlanger, KY 41018

Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary El. School
Ms. Rebecca Brown
605 Hill N'Dale Road
Lexington, KY 40503

Oneida Baptist Institute
Mr. David Robinson
11 Mulberry Street, Box 67
Oneida, KY 40972

St. Augustine Elementary School
Ms. Christy Jones
203 East 4th Street
Augusta, KY 41002

St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School
Ms. Kathryn Atkins
147 Bryan Street
Pikeville, KY 41501

St. Henry Elementary School
Ms. Sue Greis
3825 Dixie Highway
Erlanger, KY 41018

St. John Elementary School
Mr. Daniel Mardell
106 Military Street
Georgetown, KY 40324

St. Joseph Elementary School
Ms. Melissa Holzmacher
4011 Alexandria Pike
Cold Spring, KY 41076

St. Mark Elementary School
Ms. Cathy Cornett
115 Parrish Avenue
Richmond, KY 40475

St. Mary Elementary School
Ms. Lucy Marsh
1121 Main Street
Paris, KY 40361

St. Philip Elementary School
Ms. Kim Brewer
1400 Mary Ingles Highway
Melbourne, KY 41059

Valor Traditional Academy
Mr. J.P. Fugate
11501 Schlatter Road
Louisville, KY 40291

FIVE years (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2021) Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International:

Glasgow Christian Academy
Ms. Tracy Shaw
600 Old Cavalry Drive
Glasgow, KY 42141

Heritage Christian Academy
Ms. Linda Garris
8349 Eagle Way Bypass
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Northside Baptist Christian School
Ms. Emily Burge
711 North 12th Street
Matfield, KY 42066

Providence Christian Academy
Mr. Rick White
172 Southgate Drive
Georgetown, KY 40324

FIVE years (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2021) Accredited by the AdvancEd/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:

Barkley Elementary School
Ms. Rhonda Pawlawski
4720 Polk Road
Ft. Campbell, KY 42223

Barsanti Elementary School
Ms. Jennifer Halley
Bldg. 7409 McAuliffe Loop
Ft. Campbell, KY 42223

Christ the King Elementary School
Ms. Paula Smith
412 Cochran Drive
Lexington, KY 40502

Ft. Campbell High School
Mr. Hugh McKinnon
902 Bastogne Avenue
Ft. Campbell, KY 42223

Lucas Elementary School
Mr. Ted Turnipseed
2115 Airborne Street
Ft. Campbell, KY 42223

Mahaffey Middle School
Mr. Steven Gardner
585 South Carolina Avenue
Ft. Campbell, KY 42223

Main Street Christian Education Center
Ms. Laura Kalfas
11093 Alexandria Pike
Alexandria, KY 41001

Marshall Elementary School
Ms. Suzanne Jones
75 Texas Avenue
Ft. Campbell, KY 42223

The Montessori High School
Ms. Jennifer Pederson
620 South Broadway
Lexington, KY 40508

Wassom Middle School
Ms. Elaine Gallivan
3066 Forrest Avenue
Ft. Campbell, KY 42223

Budget Impact: No state funds are required.

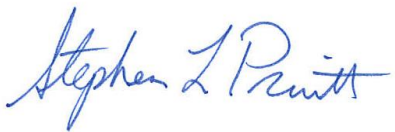
Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

The above listed accrediting organizations provided their respective lists of approved nonpublic schools. These schools have met the accrediting standards of one of the approved organizations.

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