

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. The certification of these nonpublic schools is permissible under state statute.

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.160(3)

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?

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 (KDE) 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, 2017 – June 30, 2018) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

St. Timothy Elementary
Ms. Deb Thomas
10272 Hwy. 42, Box 120
Union, KY 41091

FOUR years (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2021) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

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

FIVE years (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

Academy for Individual Excellence
Mr. John Savage
3101 Bluebird Lane
Louisville, KY 40299

Christ the King Elementary
Ms. Beth Herrmann
1500 Kinsway Drive
Madisonville, KY 42431

Community Christian Academy
Ms. Anna Thomas
110 Lebanon Church Road
Paducah, KY 42003

Good Shepherd Elementary
Principal
75 Shepherd Way
Frankfort, KY 40601

Holy Cross Elementary
Ms. Mary Ellen Matts

John Paul II Catholic School
Ms. Beth Hendricks

3615 Church Street
Covington, KY 41015

320 South Church Street
Morganfield, KY 42437

Mary Carrico Memorial Elementary
Mr. Charles Green
9546 Highway 144
Philpot, KY 42366

St. Agatha Academy Elementary
Mr. John Pica
244 South Main Street
Winchester, KY 40391

St. Agnes Elementary
Mr. Rich Hoyt
1322 Sleepy Hollow Road
Ft. Wright, KY 41011

St. Anthony Elementary
Ms. Veronica Schweitzer
485 Grand Avenue
Covington, KY 41015

St. Augustine Elementary
Ms. Kathy Nienaber
1840 Jefferson Avenue
Covington, KY 41014

St. Edward Elementary
Ms. Deborah Henson
107 North Walnut Street
Cynthiana, KY 41031

St. Joseph Interparochial School
Ms. Jan Lange
416 Church Avenue
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Sts. Peter & Paul Elementary
Ms. Nicole Herrmann
2160 California Crossroads
California, KY 41007

Sts. Peter & Paul Elementary
Ms. Sarah Kranz
902 East Ninth Street
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Sts. Peter & Paul Regional School
Ms. Candace James
423 West Short Street
Lexington, KY 40503

Seton Catholic School
Mr. Gene Cahill
1740 Summerhill Drive
Lexington, KY 40515

The Piarist School
Rev. Thomas Carroll
Highway 80, Box 870
Martin, KY 41649

Trinity Christian Academy
Ms. Vicki White
3900 Rapid Run Drive
Lexington, KY 40515

ONE year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) Accredited by the Association of Christian Teachers and Schools:

Heritage Academy
Mr. Howard Davis
7216 US 42
Florence, KY 41042

FIVE years (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022) Accredited by the American Association of Christian Schools:

Landmark Christian Academy
Mr. Monte Ashworth
6502 Johnsontown Road
Louisville, KY 40272

FIVE years (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022) Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International:

Beth Haven Christian School
Ms. Diana Cahill
5515 Johnsontown Road
Louisville, KY 40272

Calvary Christian School
Mr. Bill Dickens
5955 Taylor Mill Road
Covington, KY 41015

Cornerstone Christian Academy
Mr. David Ladner
3850 Frankfort Road
Shelbyville, KY 40065

Cornerstone Christian School
Mr. Joseph Allen
1671 Old Whitley Road, Box 848
London, KY 40741

Mount Carmel School
Mr. John Mills
P.O. Box 2
Vancleve, KY 41385

FIVE years (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022) Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and by the AdvancEd/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:

Christian Academy of Louisville Elem.
Mr. Tim Greener
700 South English Station Road
Louisville, KY 40245

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Mr. Tim Greener
3110 Rock Creek Drive
Louisville, KY 40207

Christian Academy of Louisville High
Mr. Tim Greener
700 South English Station Road
Louisville, KY 40245

Christian Academy of Louisville Middle
Mr. Tim Greener
700 South English Station Road
Louisville, KY 40245

Christian Academy of Louisville Southwest
Mr. Tim Greener
8307 St. Andrews Church Road
Louisville, KY 40258

Lexington Christian Academy
Dr. Ollie Gibbs
450 West Reynolds Road
Louisville, KY 40503

Whitefield Academy

Mr. Gary Mounce
7711 Fegenbush Lane
Louisville, KY 40228

**FIVE years (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022) Accredited by the AdvancEd/Southern Association
of Colleges and Schools:**

Assumption High
Ms. Rebecca Henle
2170 Tyler Lane
Louisville, KY 40205

Covington Catholic High
Mr. Bob Rowe
1600 Dixie Highway
Covington, KY 41011

Ft. Knox High
Dr. Gregg Mowen
Bldg. 7501, 266 Maine Street
Ft. Knox, KY 40121

Kingsolver Elementary
Ms. Laura Gibson
Bldg. 1488, 427 3rd Avenue
Ft. Knox, KY 40121

MacDonald Intermediate
Dr. Youlanda Washington
Bldg, 7729, 128 McCracken Street
Ft. Knox, KY 40121

Newport Central Catholic High
Mr. Ron Dawn
13 Carothers Road
Newport, KY 41071

Nur Islamic School of Louisville
Ms. Natalia Blagaia
6500 Six Mile Lane
Louisville, KY 40218

Sacred Heart Academy High
Ms. Mary Lee McCoy
3175 Lexington Road
Louisville, KY 40206

St. Mary Elementary

Bishop Brossart High
Mr. Dan Ridder
4 Grove Street
Alexandria, KY 41001

Covington Latin School
Mr. Jason Huther
21 East 12th Street
Covington, KY 41011

June Buchanan School
Ms. Amanda Clark
100 Purpose Road
Pippa Passes, KY 41844

Lexington Catholic High
Ms. Sally Stevens
2250 Clays Mill Road
Lexington, KY 40503

Mercy Academy High
Ms. Amy Elstone
5801 Fegenbush Lane
Louisville, KY 40228

Notre Dame Academy High
Mr. Jack VonHandorf
1699 Hilton Drive
Covington, KY 41011

Red Bird Christian School
Mr. Michael Hensley
15420 South Hwy. 66
Beverly, KY 40913

Sacred Heart Model Elementary
Ms. Ann Carol Grant
3107 Lexington Road
Louisville, KY 40206

St. Mary Middle/High

Ms. Lisa Clark
377 Highland Blvd.
Paducah, KY 42003
St. Xavier High
Mr. Francisco Espinoza
1609 Poplar Level Road
Louisville, KY 40217

Ms. Lisa Aly
1243 Elmdale Road
Paducah, KY 42003
Scott Middle
Dr. Youlanda Washington
266 Mississippi Street
Ft. Knox, KY 40121

Trinity High
Mr. Daniel Zoeller
4011 Shelbyville Road
Louisville, KY 40207

Van Voorhis Elementary
Ms. Linda Haberman
Bldg. 5550, 120 Folger Street
Ft. Knox, KY 40121

Villa Madonna Academy Elementary
Ms. Soshana Bosley
2500 Amsterdam Road
Villa Hills, KY 41017

Villa Madonna Academy High
Ms. Pam McQueen
2500 Amsterdam Road
Villa Hills, KY 41017

Visually Impaired Preschool Services
Ms. Kathy Mullen
1906 Goldsmith Lane
Louisville, KY 40218

FIVE years (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022) Accredited by the Association Montessori International:

Community Montessori School
Ms. Deborah Thompson
166 Crestwood Drive
Lexington, KY 40503

Versailles Montessori School
Mr. Tony Guagliardo
480 Pinckard Pike
Versailles, KY 40383

FIVE years (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022) Accredited by the American Montessori Society:

Northern Kentucky Montessori Academy
Ms. Julia Preziosi
2625 Anderson Road
Crescent Springs, KY 41017

Providence Montessori School
Ms. Carol Hiler
1209 Texaco Road
Lexington, KY 40508

FIVE years (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022) Accredited by the International Christian Accrediting Association:

Christian Fellowship School
Ms. Deborah Thompson
166 Crestwood Drive
Lexington, KY 40503

FIVE years (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022) Accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States:

Capital Day School
Ms. Debra Adkins
120 Deepwood Road
Frankfort, KY 40601

Kentucky Country Day School
Mr. Bradley Lyman
4100 Springdale Road
Louisville, KY 40241

Meredith Dunn School
Ms. Kathy Beam
3023 Melbourne Avenue
Louisville, KY 40220

Sayre School
Mr. Stephen Manella
194 North Limestone Street
Lexington, KY 40507

The Lexington School
Mr. Charles Baldecchi
1050 Lane Allen Road
Lexington, KY 40504

Walden School
Mr. Ned Southworth
4238 Westport Road
Louisville, KY 40207

Friends School
Ms. Christina Christensen
901 Breckenridge Lane
Louisville, KY 40207

Louisville Collegiate School
Dr. James Calleroz White
2427 Glenmary Avenue
Louisville, KY 40204

St. Francis School
Ms. Alexandra Thurstone
233 West Broadway
Louisville, KY 40202

The DePaul School
Mr. Anthony Kemper
1925 Duker Avenue
Louisville, KY 40205

Virginia Chance School
Ms. Debbie Houston
4200 Lime Kiln Lane
Louisville, KY 40222

FIVE years (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022) Accredited by the North American Division of Seventh Day Adventists:

Appalachian Christian Academy
Mr. Roger Wiehn
168 SDA School Road
Manchester, KY 40962

Louisville Adventist Academy
Mr. David Matthews
2988 Newburg Road
Louisville, KY 40205

Lexington Junior Academy Elementary
Ms. Debra Ito
968 Lane Allen Road
Lexington, KY 40504

Pewee Valley Junior Academy
Ms. Renee Otts
103 LaGrange Road, Box 738
Pewee Valley, KY 40056

Taylor Mill Christian Academy
Ms. Kelly Gennick
5235 Taylor Mill Road
Taylor Mill, KY 41015

Budget Impact: The certification of nonpublic schools has no fiscal impact on the Kentucky Department of Education and requires no state funding.

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 and are supported by the recommendation of the KyNPSC.

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