

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 (NLS)
- Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)
- North American Division of Seventh Day Adventists (NAD)
- 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, 2018 – June 30, 2019) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

St. Joseph Elementary
Ms. Sally Zeck
2474 Lorraine Court
Crescent Springs, KY 41017

St. Paul Elementary
Ms. Kemberly Markham
7303 Dixie Highway
Florence, KY 41042

FOUR years (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2022) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

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

FIVE years (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2023) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

Christian Academy of Lawrenceburg
Ms. Sandra Bowman
126 North Main Street
Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

Evangel Christian School
Mr. Joe Washington
5400 Minors Lane
Louisville, KY 40219

Highlands Latin School
Mr. Shawn Wheatley
2800 Frankfort Avenue
Louisville, KY 40206

Holy Family Elementary
Ms. Ann Kempf
932 Winchester Avenue
Ashland, KY 41101

Lakeside Christian Academy
Mr. Jared DeAtley
2535 US 60 West
Morehead, KY 40351

Nativity Academy at St. Boniface
Mr. Thomas Kallay
529 East Liberty Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Our Lady of the Mountains Elementary
Ms. Jayme Runyon
405 Third Street
Paintsville, KY 41240

Owensboro Catholic Elementary K-3
Ms. Lori Whitehouse
4017 Frederica Street
Owensboro, KY 42301

Owensboro Catholic High
Mr. Gates Settle
1524 West Parrish Avenue
Owensboro, KY 42301

St. Catherine of Siena Elementary
Mr. Doug Lonneman
23 Rossford Avenue
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

St. James Academy
Ms. Robbie Masterson
4049 South Fifth Street
Louisville, KY 40214

St. Mary of the Woods Elementary
Ms. Emily Hernandez
10521 Franklin Street
Whitesville, KY 42378

St. Romuald Interparochial School
Mr. Rob Cox
408 North Highway 259
Hardinsburg, KY 40143

Trinity High School
Ms. Emily Hernandez
10510 Maincross Street
Whitesville, KY 42378

Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6
Ms. Tracy Conkright
525 East 23rd Street
Owensboro, KY 42303

Owensboro Catholic Middle
Mr. David Kessler
2540 Christie Place
Owensboro, KY 42301

Pitt Academy
Ms. Renee Doty
6010 Preston Highway
Louisville, KY 40219

St. Cecilia Elementary
Mr. Rob Detzel
5313 Madison Pike
Independence, KY 41051

St. Mary Elementary
Mr. Matt Grosser
9 South Jefferson Street
Alexandria, KY 41001

St. Pius X Elementary
Ms. Jill Lonnemann
348 Dudley Road
Edgewood, KY 41017

St. Therese Elementary
Ms. Dorothy O'Leary
2516 Alexandria Pike
Southgate, KY 41071

ONE year (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019) Accredited by the Association of Christian Teachers and Schools:

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

FIVE years (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2023) Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International:

Riverside Christian Training School
Ms. Meg Plummer
114 Riverside School Road
Lost Creek, KY 41348

Little Flock Christian Academy
Mr. Rick Grice
5500 North Preston Highway
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

FIVE years (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2023) Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and by the AdvancEd/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:

Bowling Green Christian Academy .
Mr. Mike Hammond
1730 Destiny Lane
Bowling Green, KY 42104

Frankfort Christian Academy
Ms. Carrie Beth Tigges
1349A US Highway 421 South
Frankfort, KY 40601

Oakdale Christian Academy
Ms. Laura Mead
5801 Beattyville Road
Jackson, KY 41339

FIVE years (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2023) Accredited by the AdvancEd/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:

Foundation Christian Academy
Ms. Melissa Young
2480 Three Springs Road
Bowling Green, KY 42104

Islamic School of Louisville
Mr. William White
8215 Old Westport Road
Louisville, KY 40222

St. Henry District High
Mr. Dave Otte
3755 Scheben Drive
Erlanger, KY 41018

St. Patrick School
Mr. Wesley Cooper
318 Limestone Street
Maysville, KY 41056

Sphinx Academy
Mr. Wafaa Elghoroury
1591 Winchester Road, Ste. 101
Lexington, KY 40505

FIVE years (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2023) Accredited by the International Christian Accrediting Association:

Community Christian Academy
Ms. Tara Bates
11875 Taylor Mill Road
Independence, KY 41051

FIVE years (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2023) Accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States:

Summit Academy
Ms. Rebecca Hoffmann
11508 Main Street
Louisville, KY 40243

FIVE years (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2023) Accredited by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod:

Holy Trinity Lutheran School
Mr. Bill Hiskey
553 Ashmoor Avenue
Bowling Green, KY 42101

FIVE years (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2023) Accredited by the North American Division of Seventh Day Adventists:

Emma L. Minnis Junior Academy
Ms. Klossmeryl Francois
1939 Magazine Street, Box 1478
Louisville, KY 40203

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

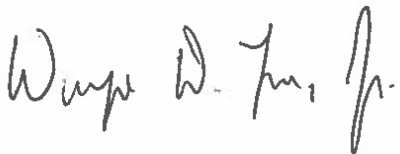
Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

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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