

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Voluntary Certification of Non-Public Schools

Date: June 2020

Action Requested: ☐ Review ☒ Action/Consent ☐ Action/Discussion

Held In: ☒ Full Board ☐ Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment ☐ Operations

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To take action on the request to certify the non-public schools that voluntarily applied and have been presented for certification by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission (KyNPSC).

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Interim Commissioner recommends that the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) accept the recommendations for voluntary certification of the non-public schools listed below that the KyNPSC ensures have successfully completed the accreditation process through a KBE-approved accrediting agency.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.160(3).

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.” For nearly 30 years, the KBE has certified non-public schools by considering recommendations from the KyNPSC. Specifically, the KyNPSC ensures the schools being presented for certification have successfully completed the accreditation process through one of the following KBE-approved accrediting agencies:

- 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); or,
- National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA).

Summary of Issue:

The KyNPSC presents the non-public schools listed below to be considered for voluntary certification by the KBE. The schools listed below have successfully completed a voluntary accreditation process conducted by the KyNPSC or another KBE-approved accrediting agency.

The following schools are being presented for certification:

ONE year (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

Harvest Christian Academy
73 Old Schoolhouse Rd., Box 398
South Portsmouth, KY 41174

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

Holy Family Collegiate High School
Ms. Ann Kempf
932 Winchester Avenue
Ashland, KY 41101

Holy Trinity Elem. & Junior High School
Ms. Katie Jacobs
840 Washington Avenue
Newport, KY 41071

Prince of Peace Montessori Elementary
Mr. Tony Barkley
625 Pike Street
Covington, KY 41011

St. Joseph Academy Elementary
Sr. Patricia Jean Cushing
48 Needmore Street
Walton, KY 41094

THREE years (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

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

FIVE years (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025) Accredited by the Kentucky Non-Public Schools Commission:

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

FIVE years (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025) Accredited by the American Association of Christian Schools:

Anchored Christian School
Ms. Betty Jo Hicks
1807 Cave Mill Road
Bowling Green, KY 42104

FIVE years (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025) Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International:

Carter Christian Academy
Ms. Nikki Lewis
3547 State Route 773
Hitchens, KY 41146

CornerStone Preparatory School
Ms. Cara Lile
145 East Center Street
Madisonville, KY 42431

Kentucky Christian Academy
Ms. Lori Eubank
2046 Old Columbia Road
Campbellsville, KY 42718

Portland Christian School
Ms. Jodell Seay
8509 Westport Road
Louisville, KY 40242

Rose Hill Christian School
Dr. Jerry Foster
10012 Winslow Road
Ashland, KY 41102

FIVE years (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025) Accredited by Cognia/AdvancEd/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools:

Appalachian Challenge Academy
Ms. Erica Trammel
465 Grays Drive, P.O. Box 539
Grays Knob, KY 40829

KORE Academy
Beverly Henderson
2228 Lovell Court
Lexington, KY 40513

Presentation High School
Ms. Barbara Wine
861 South 4th Street
Louisville, KY 40203

St. Leo Elementary School
Dr. Helena Dibiasie
255 Huntertown Road
Versailles, KY 40383

FOUR years (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024) Accredited by the International Christian Accrediting Association:

Summit Christian Academy
Ms. Chriss Rooney
2780 Clays Mill Road
Lexington, KY 40503

FIVE years (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025) Accredited by the International Christian Accrediting Association:

New Hope Academy
Ms. Tammie Lykins
P.O. Box 270
Staffordsville, KY 41256

FIVE years (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025) Accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States:

West End School
Mr. Dwight Bransford
3628 Virginia Avenue
Louisville, KY 40211

FIVE years (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025) Accredited by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod:

Our Savior Lutheran School
Mr. Wesley Wrucke
8307 Nottingham Parkway
Louisville, KY 40222

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 KyNPSC ensures the schools presented herein have met the accrediting standards of the KyNPSC or another KBE-approved accrediting agency and, accordingly, recommends the KBE grant these schools certification pursuant to KRS 156.160(3).

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