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37. Approval of an Accredited Status for Millcreek of Starkville School

Based on nonpublic school accreditation policy 2.3, the State Board of Education approved an extended Accredited Temporary status for Millcreek of Starkville School on July 14, 2011. Before an Accredited status is granted, a newly applying school must be fully operational and substantiate compliance with all nonpublic school accreditation requirements. Compliance with all applicable accreditation standards for nonpublic schools has been verified for Millcreek of Starkville School.

Millcreek of Starkville School is a therapeutic day treatment program currently serving elementary and secondary students who are experiencing emotional and/or behavioral problems. Students are placed by local public school districts that do not have appropriate services for these students and may be placed by the Department of Human Services. To address their academic needs and prepare students to successfully return to their local schools, students receive specialized programming that is coordinated with the Mississippi Frameworks. The school is currently staffed with one principal, one full-time therapist, two special education teachers, one nurse, and five psychiatric assistants. Currently, twenty students are enrolled.

Recommendation: Approval