

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
December 19, 2024

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

H. Approval of nonpublic school accreditation statuses for School Year 2024-2025

Background Information: Annual accreditation statuses for nonpublic schools are assigned in December of each year and are determined by information verified during the previous school year 2023-2024. Accreditation statuses are based on compliance with the process standards as outlined in the *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2024*.

Any nonpublic school may voluntarily request accreditation. Accreditation is determined by the extent to which the school complies with each of the nonpublic policies and standards. Initial accreditation requires any newly applying school to be fully operational and to substantiate compliance with all accreditation requirements. Each nonpublic school voluntarily seeking initial accreditation must have conducted a program of educational services for a period of at least one (1) calendar year prior to date of proposed Mississippi State Board of Education accreditation. Each nonpublic school voluntarily seeking accreditation from the SBE is required to submit the Nonpublic School Accreditation Application annually in the fall of each school year.

An assigned status remains in effect during that school year unless the correction of deficiencies upgrades a status. A nonpublic school will be assigned a Probation status if the school was assigned an Advised status the previous school year and the school has not taken corrective actions or has not resolved the deficiencies that resulted in the Advised status.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Accreditation Statuses for Nonpublic Schools School Year 2024-2025

| RECOMMENDED STATUS | TOTAL NUMBER |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Accredited | 38 |
| Advised | 7 |
| Probation | 0 |
| Temporary | 1 |
| Total | 46 |

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (9)

STATUS

| | | |
|------|---|------------|
| 1870 | Sacred Heart School – Hattiesburg | Accredited |
| 2471 | Nativity B.V.M. Elementary – Biloxi | Accredited |
| 2473 | Our Lady of Fatima – Biloxi | Accredited |
| 2376 | Our Lady Academy High School – Bay St. Louis | Accredited |
| 2478 | St. Vincent DePaul Elementary – Long Beach | Accredited |
| 2494 | Sacred Heart School – D’Iberville | Accredited |
| 3071 | Resurrection Middle/High School – Pascagoula | Accredited |
| 3072 | Resurrection Catholic Elementary – Pascagoula | Accredited |
| 3073 | Saint Alphonsus School – Ocean Springs | Accredited |

CHOCTAW TRIBAL SCHOOLS (8)

STATUS

| | | |
|----------|--|------------|
| 5007-004 | Bogue Chitto Elementary – Philadelphia | Accredited |
| 5007-008 | Choctaw Central High School – Philadelphia | Accredited |
| 5007-010 | Choctaw Central Middle School – Philadelphia | Accredited |
| 5007-012 | Conehatta Elementary School - Conehatta | Accredited |
| 5007-014 | Pearl River Elementary School – Philadelphia | Accredited |
| 5007-016 | Red Water Elementary School – Carthage | Accredited |
| 5007-020 | Standing Pine Elementary School – Carthage | Accredited |
| 5007-024 | Tucker Elementary School – Philadelphia | Accredited |

SPECIAL SCHOOLS (21)**STATUS**

| | | |
|------|--|------------|
| 0450 | Millcreek of Kosciusko - Kosciusko | Accredited |
| 1774 | Park Academy - Olive Branch | Accredited |
| 1844 | CARES, Inc. – Hattiesburg | Accredited |
| 1876 | Dynamic Dyslexia Design (3D School) - Petal | Accredited |
| 1878 | Innova Prep - Hattiesburg | Accredited |
| 1975 | Millcreek - Meadville | Accredited |
| 2455 | The Canopy School - Jackson | Accredited |
| 2487 | Gulf Oaks Day School - Biloxi | Accredited |
| 2544 | CARES, Inc. – Jackson | Accredited |
| 2562 | *Williams School – Raymond | Accredited |
| 2590 | Magnolia Speech School - Jackson | Accredited |
| 5150 | Millcreek/Newton Satellite - Newton | Accredited |
| 5350 | Millcreek/Golden Triangle Satellite - Columbus | Accredited |
| 5450 | Millcreek/Batesville Satellite - Batesville | Accredited |
| 5850 | Millcreek of Pontotoc - Pontotoc | Accredited |
| 6150 | Millcreek of Pearl - Pearl | Accredited |
| 6160 | Brentwood- Crossroads School - Flowood | Accredited |
| 6180 | *Youthful Offender Unit School – Pearl | Accredited |
| 6475 | Millcreek School - Magee | Accredited |
| 7650 | Millcreek of Greenville - Greenville | Accredited |
| 8050 | Diamond Grove Center – Louisville | Accredited |

ACCREDITED -TEMPORARY SCHOOLS (1)**STATUS**

| | | |
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| ##### | Cares – Biloxi | Accredited-Temporary |
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ADVISED (7)**STATUS**

| | | |
|------|---|---------|
| 1070 | French Camp Academy – French Camp | Advised |
| 2377 | Holy Trinity Elementary – Bay St. Louis | Advised |
| 2464 | Saint Patrick Catholic High School – Biloxi | Advised |
| 2475 | Saint James Elementary – Gulfport | Advised |
| 2480 | *Roger A. McMurtry – Gulfport | Advised |
| 3075 | Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia – Ocean Springs | Advised |
| 3850 | Crossroads School/The Crossings – Meridian | Advised |

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Policy 2.3: Accreditation Statuses

Accreditation statuses assigned by the State Board of Education are (a) Accredited, (b) Advised, (c) Probation, (d) Temporary, and (e) Withdrawn.

Accredited. A nonpublic school will be assigned an Accredited status when the school is in compliance with each of the applicable accreditation requirements and standards as described in this document.

Advised. A nonpublic school will be assigned an Advised status the first year that the school fails to comply with all of the requirements as described in this document.

Probation. A nonpublic school will be assigned a Probation status if the school was assigned an Advised status the previous school year and the nonpublic school has not taken corrective actions or has not resolved the process standard deficiencies that resulted in the Advised status. The nonpublic school will be required to develop a corrective action plan to address the deficiencies. (See Accreditation Policy 3.2.)

Temporary. A special purpose school that serves students with disabilities may be assigned a Temporary status when (a) the special purpose school is in compliance with IDEA and relevant state regulations and (b) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). A Temporary status may also be assigned to a satellite school established by the governing body of an accredited nonpublic school currently on record with the State Board of Education.

A Temporary status will expire twelve months from the date that the Temporary status was assigned and is not renewable. During the twelve-month period, the school may apply to the State Board of Education for an accreditation status.

Withdrawn. A nonpublic school will be assigned a Withdrawn status when the school has been previously assigned a status of Probation and the school fails to meet the goals and timelines for resolving identified deficiencies as stated in its approved corrective action plan.