

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
December 18, 2025

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

F. Approval of nonpublic school accreditation statuses for School Year 2025-2026

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 2024-2025. Accreditation statuses are based on compliance with the process standards as outlined in the *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2025*.

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 2025-2026

RECOMMENDED STATUS	TOTAL NUMBER
Accredited	39
Advised	5
Probation	1
Permanently Closed	1
Total	46

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (8) STATUS

1870	Sacred Heart School – Hattiesburg	Accredited
2376	Our Lady Academy High School – Bay St. Louis	Accredited
2377	Holy Trinity Elementary – Bay St. Louis	Accredited
2464	Saint Patrick Catholic High School – Biloxi	Accredited
2471	Nativity B.V.M. Elementary – Biloxi	Accredited
2475	Saint James Elementary – Gulfport	Accredited
2494	Sacred Heart School – D'Iberville	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 (23) STATUS

0450	Millcreek of Kosciusko - Kosciusko	Accredited
1774	Park Academy - Olive Branch	Accredited
1844	CARES, Inc. – Hattiesburg	Accredited
1878	Innova Prep - Hattiesburg	Accredited
1975	Millcreek - Meadville	Accredited
2446	CARES, Inc. – Biloxi	Accredited
2455	The Canopy School - Jackson	Accredited

2480	Roger Amos McMurtry	Accredited
2544	CARES, Inc. – Jackson	Accredited
2562	*Williams School – Raymond	Accredited
2590	Magnolia Speech School - Jackson	Accredited
3075	Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia – Ocean Springs	Accredited
3850	Crossroads School/The Crossings – Meridian	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

ADVISED (5)

		<u>STATUS</u>
1876	Dynamic Dyslexia Design (3D School) – Petal	Advised
2473	Our Lady of Fatima – Biloxi	Advised
2478	St. Vincent de Paul Elementary – Long Beach	Advised
3071	Resurrection Middle/High School – Pascagoula	Advised
3072	Resurrection Catholic Elementary – Pascagoula	Advised

PROBATION (1)

		<u>STATUS</u>
1070	French Camp Academy	Probation

PERMANENTLY CLOSED (1)

2487	Gulf Oaks Day School – Biloxi	Permanently Closed - October 10, 2025
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***State Agency School**

Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2024

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.