

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Private School Consent Agenda

June 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Private School Initial License

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the initial licensing for a two-year period for:

- Academy of Universal Metaphysics: K-12 Holistic Education Program, Clark County
- Calvary Christian Academy, Washoe County
- Growing Minds Academy at Shadow Hills, Clark County
- Silver State Youth Academy, Clark County
- The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center, Clark County

BACKGROUND: Private education institutions are covered by Chapter 394 in both the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Nevada Administrative Code. The Private Schools Education Programs Professional verifies that the statutory and regulatory requirements are met. The Nevada State Board of Education approves the issuing of a private school license. If not all requirements can be observed, such as teacher or student portfolios, or curriculum isn't ordered, the school will be given a provisional license until those elements can be approved.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Private School Analysis

School Name: Academy of Universal Metaphysics: K-12 Holistic Education Program, Clark County

Background: Academy of Universal Metaphysics (AUM) believes that “human beings are intrinsically motivated to learn, create, and expand.” AUM will engage in a holistic learning model, nurturing mind, body, and spirit. The school will incorporate cooperative learning, blended learning, and project-based learning into its teaching methods. Educators will teach to mastery, moving students to the next level once they have mastered the skills at the more fundamental level. Academics will be individualized to meet the needs of all students. The school will be utilizing the Alpha-Omega curriculum for all subjects. In addition to the core subjects, the school will offer a variety of classes including Multicultural Literacy, Life Wisdom and Skills, Entrepreneurship, Engineering, and World Religions and Philosophies among others.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Academy of Universal Metaphysics: K-12 Holistic Education Program for or a provisional license from June 30, 2025, through June 30, 2027. Academy of Universal Metaphysics: K-12 Holistic Education Program has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 2525 Kyle Canyon Road , Las Vegas, NV 89124

Ownership: Academy of Universal Metaphysics

Insurance: Maxum Casualty Insurance Company liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence

Enrollment: 40 students anticipated, Kindergarten – Grade 12

Educational Staff: 3

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Calvary Christian Academy, Washoe County

Background: Calvary Christian Academy is committed to providing a “Christ-centered, academically rigorous environment that nurtures both the mind and the spirit.” In addition to the core subjects of English/Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science, the school will also offer Latin starting in Grade 1 and an extensive performing and visual arts program. Instruction will be delivered by qualified educators and overseen by the school’s administration to ensure adequate instructional time and thorough coverage of each subject area. Lesson plans, assessments, and instructional materials will be maintained to verify alignment with state educational requirements and to monitor student progress.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Calvary Christian Academy for or a provisional license from June 30, 2025, through June 30, 2027. Calvary Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 220 Edison Way, Reno, Nevada 89502

Ownership: Calvary Chapel of Reno-Sparks

Insurance: Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence

Enrollment: 50 students anticipated, Kindergarten – Grade 6

Educational Staff: 4

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Growing Minds Academy at Shadow Hills, Clark County

Background: The education at Growing Minds Academy at Shadow Hills will be “rooted in a biblical worldview, hands-on learning, and a vibrant fine arts program.” The school’s service delivery will be grounded in cross-curricular, experiential learning that engages each student. The school will welcome students of all learning styles, abilities, and developmental stages. The school’s primary curriculum will be Bob Jones University.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Growing Minds Academy at Shadow Hills for or a license from June 30, 2025, through June 30, 2027. Growing Minds Academy at Shadow Hills has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 7861 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128

Ownership: Growing Minds Academy Schools, Inc.

Insurance: Markel Insurance Company liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence

Enrollment: 300 students anticipated, Kindergarten – Grade 8

Educational Staff: 9

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Silver State Youth Academy, Clark County

Background: Silver State Youth Academy will provide educational services exclusively to those in its adolescent treatment center. Students typically stay 60-90 days at the facility. The school is committed to keeping students on track with the public school districts in which they reside. Students who can access curriculum in their home school district will be able to do so, while those who cannot, will have access to Silver State Youth Academy's curriculum, which will be Common Core aligned and will adhere to the Nevada Academic Content Standards.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Silver State Youth Academy or a provisional license from June 30, 2025, through June 30, 2027. Silver State Youth Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 8225 West Robindale Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113

Ownership: Silver State Adolescent Treatment Center

Insurance: QBE Specialty Insurance Company liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence

Enrollment: 24 students anticipated, Grade 6 – Grade 12

Educational Staff: 2

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center, Clark County

Background: The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center will welcome all children but will also integrate Jewish values into its classes “to inspire kindness, community, and respect.” The curriculum will adhere to Nevada Academic Standards. It will also nurture emotional and social development. The service delivery will include hands on learning, creative play, and exposure to Jewish traditions that encourage curiosity and character-building. As part of the program, students will be introduced to the concept of Mitzvot, performing good deeds that include helping those less fortunate through methods that are understandable and age appropriate.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center for or a provisional license from June 30, 2025, through June 30, 2027. The Gary & Lynn Kantor Early Childhood Education Center has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 55 North Valle Verde Drive, Henderson, Nevada 89074

Ownership: Congression Ner Tamid

Insurance: Church Mutual Insurance Company liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence

Enrollment: 15 students anticipated, Kindergarten

Educational Staff: 2

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

SUBJECT: Private School License Renewal

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the licensing for a two-year period for:

- Village Christian Academy, Washoe County

BACKGROUND: Private education institutions are covered by Chapter 394 in both the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Nevada Administrative Code. The Private Schools Education Programs Professional verifies that the statutory and regulatory requirements are met. The Nevada State Board of Education approves the issuing of a private school license.

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Private School Analysis

School Name: Village Christian Academy, Washoe county

Background: Village Christian Academy engages students in a challenging curriculum that exceeds state standards for each grade level. The school features small class sizes, individualized instruction, and engaging learning activities to reach each of its learners. The school's vision is to provide students with "an excellent education grounded in Christian teaching and a Biblical Worldview so they can serve their communities with wisdom and character."

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Village Christian Academy for or a license from July 31, 2025, through July 31, 2027. Village Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 736 McCoury Boulevard, Incline Village, Nevada 89451

Ownership: The Village Church

Insurance: Church Mutual Insurance Company liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence

Enrollment: 20 students, Kindergarten – Grade 5

Educational Staff: 2

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Agent Permits

SUBJECT: Private School Agent Permit

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the permit for the applicant listed, who has submitted a complete application along with three recent letters of recommendation for this position, a copy of the private school's surety bond or CD and required payment. The applicant has also indicated whether they have a child support obligation and if so, whether it is current or in arrears. The Agent Permit will be valid from May 14, 2025 - January 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND: Private education institutions are covered by Chapter 394 in both the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Nevada Administrative Code. The Private Schools Education Program Professional verifies that the Agent Application is complete, and the Nevada State Board of Education approves the issuing of each private school agent permit.

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Agent Permit Application Requestors

Private School

Silver State Youth Academy

Agent Name

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