

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

September 6, 2023

SUBJECT: Private School New License

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the initial provisional licenses for a two-year period for:

- Faith 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 Program 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: Faith Academy, Washoe County

Background: Faith Academy first developed as a homeschool collective, but now desires to expand into an exempt private school. Whereas the school relied on family volunteers, it is now looking to add paid teachers. The school will use the Abeka curriculum for all subjects.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Faith Academy for an initial provisional license for two years from September 6, 2023, through September 6, 2025. Faith Academy reported that the school is working to complete statutory and regulatory requirements for initial licensing by September 6, 2023. The provisional license will be issued when final compliance measures are complete.

Ownership: FAITH Ministry

Address: 2301 Kings Row, Reno, Nevada 89503

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

Enrollment: 25, Kindergarten through Grade 5

Educational Staff: 6

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

SUBJECT: Private School Renewal License

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the licensing for a two-year period for:

- Cristo Rey St. Viator Las Vegas College Preparatory, Clark County

Approve the licensing for a four-year period for:

- Brilliant Child Christian Academy, Clark County
- Candil Hall Academy, Clark County
- Challenger School – Lone Mountain, Clark County
- Challenger School – Los Prados, Clark County
- Challenger School – Silverado, Clark County
- Cornerstone Christian Academy, Clark County
- Good Samaritan Christian Academy, Clark County
- Mesivta of Las Vegas, Clark County
- St. Francis de Sales Catholic School, Clark County

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Private School Analysis

School Name: Cristo Rey St. Viator Las Vegas College Preparatory, Clark County

Background: Cristo Rey St. Viator College Preparatory Academy educates young people of limited economic means to become men and women of faith, purpose, and service. Financial need is the first criterion for admission and is decided on a case-by-case basis using the Cristo Rey Network Guidelines. The school is part of the only network of high schools in the country that integrates four years of rigorous college preparatory academics with four years of mandatory professional work experience through its Corporate Work Study Program.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Cristo Rey St. Viator Las Vegas College Preparatory for a license for two years from August 31, 2023, through August 31, 2025. Cristo Rey St. Viator Las Vegas College Preparatory has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 2880 Van Der Meer Street, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030

Ownership: Clerics of St. Viator

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

Enrollment: 500, Grade 9 through Grade 12

Educational Staff: 47

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Brilliant Child Christian Academy, Clark County

Background: Brilliant Child Christian Academy offers a holistic education that aims to nourish each child's potential. Among its core values are spiritual growth, academic excellence, maturity of ethical and more character, community citizenship, lifelong learning, personal responsibility and accountability, transparent, honest, and open communication, and building and maintaining healthy relationships and effective support network. The school offers a rigorous curriculum. Students are introduced to engineering concepts and robotics in middle school and continue with the program into high school.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Brilliant Child Christian Academy for a license for four years from August 31, 2023, through August 31, 2027. Brilliant Child Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 7885 West Rochelle, Las Vegas, Nevada 89147

Ownership: Brilliant Child Christian Academy

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

Enrollment: 170 students, Kindergarten through Grade 9

Educational Staff: 16

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Candil Hall Academy, Clark County

Background: Candil Hall individualizes instruction so each student can develop to his or her personal potential. Candil Hall endeavors to build a strong foundation in each of its students through individualized instruction that challenges and stretches every child while safeguarding each student in his or her journey as a life-long learner. Candil Hall keeps classes small, with a maximum of 20 students in any one class. The school's students receive instruction in Reading and Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Art, P.E., Spanish, and Keyboarding.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Candil Hall Academy for a license for four years from August 31, 2023, through August 31, 2027. Candil Hall Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 5348 North Rainbow Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130

Ownership: Jhonna Diller

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

Enrollment: 75, Kindergarten through Grade 8

Educational Staff: 9

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Challenger School – Lone Mountain, Clark County

Background: Challenger School – Lone Mountain exposes students to literature and economics in elementary grades, and students receive instruction in advanced concepts such as Entrepreneurship and Logic starting in Grade 3. By Grade 7, students are introduced to Shakespearian comedy. In Grade 8, students are solving two-column geometry proofs, programming arrays to store a collection of data, and explaining circumstances that lead to inflation. Challenger prides itself on preparing students for high school and college.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Challenger School – Lone Mountain for a license for four years from September 30, 2023, through September 30, 2027. Challenger School – Lone Mountain has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 9900 Isaac Newton Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89129

Ownership: Challenger School Foundation

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

Enrollment: 590 Students, Kindergarten through Grade 8

Educational Staff: 30

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Challenger School – Los Prados, Clark County

Background: Challenger Schools provide a variety of educational opportunities to their students. Challenger uses its own curriculum, which meets or exceeds Nevada Academic Content Standards for each grade level. Challenger engages young minds through active learning and fun activities. Challenger designs teaching methods to help students become precise thinkers and self-reliant individuals. Students as young as Kindergarten read and write their own stories and solve real-life problems. Challenger Schools believe overcoming obstacles builds confidence and self-esteem, so they are motivated by their success.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Challenger School – Los Prados for a license for four years from August 31, 2023, through August 31, 2027. Challenger School – Los Prados has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 5150 North Jones Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130

Ownership: Challenger School Foundation

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

Enrollment: 100, Kindergarten through Grade 2

Educational Staff: 6

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Challenger School – Silverado, Clark County

Background: Challenger’s ultimate goal is to prepare students for life by developing traits such as self-reliance, self-worth, honesty, rationality, integrity, justice, and productivity. The curriculum is designed to reflect those values. Challenger School – Silverado believes that students develop confidence and self-worth through success in each aspect of their learning. Challenger’s curriculum is rigorous and challenging, exceeding Nevada Academic Content Standards for each grade level.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Challenger School – Silverado for a license for four years from August 31, 2023, through August 31, 2027. Challenger School – Silverado has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 1725 East Serene Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89123

Ownership: Challenger School Foundation

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

Enrollment: 515 students, Kindergarten through Grade 8

Educational Staff: 24

Private School Analysis

School Name: Cornerstone Christian Academy, Clark County

Background: “Excellence in Everything: Academic, Arts, Athletics, and Attitude” is the theme of Cornerstone Christian Academy. Teachers and staff at Cornerstone work to develop the whole child, engaging each student’s spiritual, academic, and physical growth. The ultimate goal at Cornerstone is to prepare each student to become a confident and productive world citizen. Elementary school students are introduced to a rigorous curriculum in the core subjects of Math, English/Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies to develop a strong foundation for more advanced grades. The academic rigor continues in Middle School. In addition to the core subjects, students can choose from a variety of electives, including Robotics, Culinary Arts, Dancing, Drama, and Video Production.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Cornerstone Christian Academy for a license for four years from August 31, 2023, through August 31, 2027. Cornerstone Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 5825 Eldora Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89146

Ownership: International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Inc.

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

Enrollment: 350 students, Kindergarten through Grade 8

Educational Staff: 19

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Good Samaritan Christian Academy, Clark County

Background: Good Samaritan Christian Academy features small class sizes which allow students to pursue academic excellence. The school reports that historically, its 5th Grade students have scored up to 22 percent above the national average on the Terra Nova academic achievement test. The school is designed to nurture each student's unique development intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. The staff works to encourage students' natural curiosity, creativity, and self-expression.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Good Samaritan Christian Academy for a license for four years from, August 31, 2023, through August 31, 2027. Good Samaritan Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 8425 West Windmill Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113

Ownership: Good Samaritan Lutheran Church

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

Enrollment: 235 students, Kindergarten through Grade 5

Educational Staff: 14

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Mesivta of Las Vegas, Clark County

Background: Mesivta of Las Vegas offers a college preparatory program to each of its students. The program is designed to prepare each student to excel in his chosen career. The program emphasizes mastering skills such as critical thinking, analytical writing, and problem solving. Practical applications of academics are pervasive throughout the curriculum. Students learn about the interdependence of science, engineering, and technology and their influence on society and the natural world. In Math, students analyze problems and apply the mathematics they have learned to solving problems in everyday life, society, and the workplace. Study of the Torah is also an essential component of the school. Mesivta of Las Vegas is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Mesivta of Las Vegas for a license for four years from August 31, 2023, through August 31, 2027. Mesivta of Las Vegas has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 2600 Lake Sahara Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117

Ownership: Mesivta of Las Vegas

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

Enrollment: 32 students, Grade 9 through Grade 12

Educational Staff: 12

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: St. Francis de Sales Catholic School, Clark County

Background: St. Francis de Sales endeavors to teach students to be compassionate, ethical, and competent individuals “prepared for a lifetime of service to God and a quest for knowledge.” The school utilizes Sadlier Math for Kindergarten through Grade 8, and Prentice Hall for their eighth grade students who take Algebra I. For ELA, the school uses Rowland Reading for its primary elementary ELA, Houghton-Mifflin’s Journeys for its intermediate elementary students, and Collections for its middle school students. The school offers several electives to its students including Drama, Music, and Spanish.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve St. Francis de Sales Catholic School for a license for four years from October 31, 2023, through October 31, 2027. St. Francis de Sales Catholic School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 1111 Michael Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108

Ownership: St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Insurance: Catholic Mutual Relief Society of America Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence

Enrollment: 240 students, Kindergarten through Grade 8

Educational Staff: 13

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Agent Permit

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 he has a child support obligation and if so, whether it is current or in arrears. The Agent Permit will be valid from September 1, 2023 - January 1, 2024.

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's agent permit.

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Agent Permit Application Requestor

Private School

Milestone Academy (both campuses)

Agent Name

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