

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

August 29, 2019

SUBJECT: Private School Licensing

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the re-licensing for a two-year period of:

- 9th Bridge School, Clark County
- Candil Hall, Clark County
- Spring Valley Montessori School, Clark County
- Sunset Montessori Community, Clark County
- West Charleston Enrichment Academy, Clark County

Approve the re-licensing for a four-year period of:

- Cornerstone Christian Academy, Clark County
- Foothills Montessori, Clark County
- Kids Campus MLK, 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 Program Professional verifies that the statutory and regulatory requirements are met. The Nevada State Board of Education approves the issuing of each private school license.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Private School Analysis

Background: 9th Bridge School's approach to teaching and learning revolves around helping students find success, happiness, and fulfillment in the current and future world. 9th Bridge School strongly believes in developing language and cognitive learning, and social emotional skills and independence. The school's mission is to cultivate independent thinkers and creative problem solvers. 9th Bridge School serves kindergarten through grade 4.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of 9th Bridge School for two years, September 1, 2019- September 30, 2021. 9th Bridge School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Name: 9th Bridge School

Address: 310 South 9th Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101

Ownership:

9th Bridge School Incorporated
Michael Downs, President

Insurance:

Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
Surety Bond: \$5,000, Mutual of Omaha

Financial Stability:

Expenses: \$288,969 (the difference is made up through owner's contributions)
Revenue: \$179,883

Enrollment: 15

Educational Staff: 2

Site Visit: August 26, 2019

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

Background: Candil Hall staff members believe, “Each school is unique, endowed with gifts and talents that are complemented with a strong academic foundation... Candil Hall believes that a strong moral, emotional, physical and patriotic core is essentially intertwined within the academic foundation.” The school uses schoolwide themes to allow all K-5 students to connect with one another and to best work to their individual abilities within and beyond the required curriculum.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Candil Hall for two years, August 24, 2019 –August 31, 2021. Candil Hall has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Name: Candil Hall

Address: 5348 N. Rainbow Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89130

Ownership:
C.D. Hall LLC, Domestic Limited Liability Company
Jhonna Diller, Manager

Insurance:
Philadelphia Insurance Company
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
Surety Bond: \$5,000, RLI Surety

Financial Stability:

Expenses: \$316,500
Revenue: \$484,800

Enrollment: 45

Educational Staff: 4

Site Visit: May 8, 2019

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

Background: Spring Valley Montessori School offers nurturing and enriching educational programs, rich in an individualized academic environment, which promotes independence and optimum scholastic achievement. The teachers emphasize moral instruction, tolerance, and kindness to all children. Spring Valley Montessori School uses Montessori materials and philosophy together with the Nevada State Content Standards to prepare children for secondary education. All students participate in Spanish classes weekly and some enroll in sign language classes as well.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Spring Valley Montessori School for two years, September 1, 2019- September 30, 2021. Spring Valley Montessori School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Name: Spring Valley Montessori School

Address: 6940 Edna Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89147

Ownership:

Spring Valley Montessori, LLC
Jesusa Alacantara and Fe Rocha, Owners

Insurance:

National Insurance Consultants
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
Surety Bond: \$5,000, Capitol Indemnity Corporation

Financial Stability:

Revenue: \$334,000
Expenses: \$178,115

Enrollment: 39

Educational Staff: 4

Site Visit: August 21, 2019

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

Background: Sunset Montessori Community uses the Montessori Method and materials with teacher guidance to provide a peaceful environment for students and staff. Students work individually and in small groups in various areas which provide materials allowing children to master concepts and depth. Learning areas include practical life, sensorial, cultural, math and language while permitting children to pursue their interests and gain confidence, self-esteem, independence, and concentration.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Sunset Montessori Community for two years, August 18, 2019- August 31, 2021. Sunset Montessori Community has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Name: Sunset Montessori Community

Address: 3525 E. Sunset Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89120

Ownership:

Sunset Montessori Community
Ana Martinez, Owner

Insurance:

Direct Point Insurance Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Surety Bond: \$5,000, Pro Surety Bond

Financial Stability:

Revenue: \$76,000
Expenses: \$72,000

Enrollment: 8

Educational Staff: 2

Site Visit: July 29, 2019

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

Background: West Charleston Enrichment Academy is open to students with special need whether they have an IEP or they are gifted. Classes are capped at an enrollment of 10. The mission of West Charleston Enrichment Academy is to “find out what makes your children special and help them thrive.” Diversity is celebrated. Special classes include bible study, Spanish, music, and art. Project-based learning challenges student learning and students participate in quarterly enrichment projects.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of West Charleston Enrichment Academy for two years, September 1, 2019- September 30, 2021. West Charleston Enrichment Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Name: West Charleston Enrichment Academy

Address: 3216 W. Charleston Blvd. Suite B. Las Vegas, NV 89102

Ownership:

Las Vegas Enrichment Academy
Carolyn Wassell, Owner

Insurance:

Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance

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

Surety Bond: \$5,000,

Financial Stability:

Revenue: \$165,000

Expenses: \$161,500

Enrollment: 29

Educational Staff: 3

Site Visit: May 22, 2019

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

Background: Cornerstone Christian Academy is a non-profit school serving more than 300 students. Cornerstone Christian Academy has won the Spirit of Nevada award multiple times and has also been recognized as the Best of Las Vegas in 2018. Cornerstone Christian Academy places a strong emphasis on each child's sense of personal responsibility. Teachers utilize various strategies to differentiate learning to help guide every student toward their full potential.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Cornerstone Christian Academy for four years, August 1, 2019- August 31, 2023. Cornerstone Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Name: Cornerstone Christian Academy

Address: 5825 W. Eldora Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89146

Ownership:
Church Foursquare Gospel International

Insurance:
Church and Casualty Insurance Agency
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
Surety Bond: \$5,000, RLI Insurance Company

Financial Stability:
Revenue: \$2,797,685
Expenses: \$2,529,500

Enrollment: 300

Educational Staff: 23 teachers and assistants and 6 specialists per grade

Site Visit: May 15, 2019

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

Background: Foothills Montessori School provides children (ages 3-14) with an exceptional education that teaches to the whole child. The school's program is based on the Montessori method with a nurturing environment. Foothills Montessori School has a low student-to-teacher ratio along with a multi-age classroom structure to encourage student mentorship.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Foothills Montessori School for four years, August 12, 2019- August 31, 2023. Foothills Montessori School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Name: Foothills Montessori School

Address: 1401 Amador Lane, Henderson, NV 89012

Ownership:

Endeavor Schools Henderson, LLC.
Ricardo Campo, President

Insurance:

Lockton Companies

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

Surety Bond: \$5,000, Zions Bank

Financial Stability:

Revenue: \$4,106,907

Expenses: \$3,113,553

Enrollment: 227

Educational Staff: 22

Site Visit: May 16, 2019

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

Background: Kids Campus-MLK has provided a kindergarten program since July 1999. There is one teacher and one assistant working with the kindergarteners. The students learn Spanish and sign language along with English. Saxon Math provides support for math instruction.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Kids Campus-MLK for four years, August 15, 2019- August 31, 2023. Kids Campus-MLK has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Name: Kids Campus-MLK

Address: 3901 N. Martin Luther King Blvd., N. Las Vegas, NV 89032

Ownership:

Kids Campus LLC
Lynda Harvey, Owner

Insurance:

L/P Insurance Services, Inc.

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

Surety Bond: \$5,000, Western Alliance Bank

Financial Stability:

Revenue: \$87,780

Expenses: \$69,119

Enrollment: 18

Educational Staff: 2

Site Visit: August 20, 2019

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.