

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

October 10, 2019

SUBJECT: Private School Licensing

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- Christian Montessori Academy, Clark County
- Henderson International School, Clark County
- New Horizons Academy, Clark County
- St. John's Children's Center, 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 each private school license.

SUBMITTED BY:

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## Private School Analysis

**Background:** Christian Montessori Academy (CMA) is a small school serving children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade. As is common with Montessori schools, CMA has an abundance of manipulative material. Teachers work with students and families to ensure areas of student interest are tapped in order to provide skill-building in common core standards and Nevada state standards. Students work in a variety of groupings in order to build learning and maximize knowledge in cooperative settings.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Christian Montessori Academy for four years, November 15, 2019 – November 30, 2023. Christian Montessori Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Name:** Christian Montessori Academy

**Address:** 5880 South Pecos Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89120

**Ownership:**

Christian Montessori Academy, Domestic Corporation  
Inayat Bergum, Owner

**Insurance:**

Bridge Norena & Associates

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: \$350,000

Revenue: \$320,000

**Enrollment:** 14

**Educational Staff:** 2

**Site Visit:** October 3, 2019

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file.

## Private School Analysis

**Background:** Henderson International School, a member of the Meritas Family of Schools, was originally licensed in 1992. In 1994, the school split into an elementary and middle school. The school joined the Meritas family in 2010 and rejoined the elementary and middle schools, and also began grades 9-12. The school has a robust international sports program along with a strong music and performing arts program where students learn music theory and history.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Henderson International School for four years, October 10, 2019 –October 31, 2023. Henderson International School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Name:** Henderson International School

**Address:** 1165 Sandy Ridge Ave. Henderson, NV 89052

**Ownership:**  
Green Valley Schools, LLC  
Fort Lauderdale, FL

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

**Financial Stability:**

Expenses: \$10,990,000  
Revenue: \$9,633,000

**Enrollment:** 475

**Educational Staff:** 36 teachers, a librarian, and administrative team of 20

**Site Visit:** May 15, 2019

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file.

## Private School Analysis

**Background:** New Horizons Academy was first licensed in 1990. This non-profit school takes students with special needs and works with them in small groups. The school emphasizes the use of technology as a means of assisting students in preparation of living in the world of their future. The school has two computer labs allowing students in grades 1-6 to use one and grades 7-12 the other second.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of New Horizons Academy for four years, October 29, 2019- October 31, 2023. New Horizons Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Name:** New Horizons Academy

**Address:** 6701 W. Charleston Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89146

**Ownership:**

New Horizons Center for Learning  
Barry Becker, President

**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: \$835,000  
Expenses: \$757,000

**Enrollment:** 55

**Educational Staff:** 7

**Site Visit:** October 3, 2019

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file.

## Private School Analysis

**Background:** St. John's Children's Center was first licensed in November of 1987. This non-profit school has one kindergarten class. The school is attached to the church and is secured with locks and surveillance cameras to ensure the safety of the children. The kindergarten teacher has been with the school for nearly 20 years and holds a Nevada License.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of St. John's Children's Center for four years, October 29, 2019 – October 31, 2023. St. John's Children's Center has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Name:** St. John's Children's Center

**Address:** 1070 W. Plumb Ln. Reno, NV 89509

**Ownership:**

St. John's Presbyterian Church  
Elaine York, President

**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: \$725,000  
Expenses: \$724,000

**Enrollment:** 20

**Educational Staff:** 2

**Site Visit:** September 10, 2019

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file.