

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONSENT AGENDA ITEM
July 7, 2022

SUBJECT: Private School Re-Licensing

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- Bethlehem Lutheran School, Carson County
- A Step Ahead, Lyon County
- J.O.Y Academy of Southern Nevada, Clark County
- Grace Christian Academy, 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 a private school license.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Private School Analysis

School Name: Bethlehem Lutheran School, Carson County

Background: Bethlehem Lutheran School provides the opportunity for children and parents to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, to experience God's love, forgiveness, compassion, encouragement, and support, and to know they are valued. They strive to educate and assist each child in developing their God-given gifts and strengths and integrate these qualities with their applied knowledge of the Bible and school curriculum.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the provisional licensing of Bethlehem Lutheran School for a license for two years from July 31, 2022, through July 31, 2024. Bethlehem Lutheran School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 1837 Mountain Street, Carson City, NV 89703

Ownership: Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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

Enrollment: 138 students, Grades K-8

Educational Staff: 9

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: A Step Ahead, Lyon County

Background: A Step Ahead Primary School is family owned and operated. The staff has over 20 years combined experience working with children. A Step Ahead is dedicated to providing a superior preschool, pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First grade enrichment classes to our students. The programs are enhanced by an afternoon enrichment program which encompasses extra-curricular activities such as: art, tumbling, and music lessons.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the provisional licensing of A Step Ahead for a license for two years from July 31, 2022 through July 31, 2024. A Step Ahead has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 945 North Clover, Fernley, NV 89408

Ownership: Stepping Stones of Fernley, LLC

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

Enrollment: 15 students, Grades K-1

Educational Staff: 2

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: J.O.Y Academy of Southern Nevada, Clark County

Background: J.O.Y Academy believes that students learn best when they have God as part of their life. They believe that families and children should have choices and have a voice in their education. J.O.Y. Academy believe that the children are more important than any test. They believe that technology is a tool and will never replace a good teacher. Students will be Master of Technology, but it will not be their master. They believe that if you can take a field trip, you should. They believe homework should be minimal: reading what you want to read, and doing activities related to your learning that can involve other family members.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the provisional licensing of J.O.Y Academy of Southern Nevada for a license for two years from August 30, 2022, through August 30, 2024. J.O.Y Academy of Southern Nevada has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 3883 East Mesa Vista Road, Las Vegas, NV 89120

Ownership: J.O.Y Academy of Southern Nevada

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

Enrollment: 85 students, Grades K- 12

Educational Staff: 9

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Grace Christian Academy, Boulder City, Clark County

Background: The mission of Grace Christian Academy (GCA) is to minister to the students academically, spiritually, emotionally, and physically to reach their fullest potential, both as an individual and as a contributing member of society.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the provisional licensing of J Grace Christian Academy Boulder City for a license for two years from September 30, 2022, through September 30, 2024. Grace Christian Academy Boulder City has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 512 California Avenue, Boulder City, NV 89005

Ownership: Grace Community Church

Insurance: American Church Group of Nevada liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Enrollment: 35 students, Grades K- 8

Educational Staff: 6

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

SUBJECT: Private School New School License

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the provisional licensing for New Schools:

- Nevada School of Inquiry, Clark County
- Aspects Academy of Learning, Clark County

BACKGROUND:

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Private School Analysis

School Name: Nevada School of Inquiry, Clark County

Background: Inquiry Based Learning (IBL) nurtures curiosity through questioning, reasoning, and understanding. The Nevada School of Inquiry believe that education is best when it can be experienced. When engaged in an inquiry-based classroom, answers are not given to students. Students must search for the answers through exploration. Through this method, students are challenged in higher order thinking and learn to take risks without fear of failure. Students must defend their answers and learn to justify reasoning as problem solvers. The instructors are the guides to assist students on their journey of exploration through the content. They challenge the students to think deeper and question their evidence and ideas through planned experiences. These experiences take place inside and outside the classroom and bring learning to life.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the provisional licensing of Nevada School of Inquiry for a provisional license for two years from August 1, 2022 through August 1, 2024. Nevada School of Inquiry has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 7375 South Pecos Road, Suite #104, Las Vegas, NV 89120

Ownership: Christina Threeton and Eric Threeton

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

Enrollment: maximum of 30 students, Grades 6 - 8

Educational Staff: 2

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Aspects Academy of Learning, Clark County

Background: Aspects Academy of Learning's vision is to provide a Christ-Centered cooperative that maintains a variety of educational and enrichment classes for families of primary and secondary age children in a safe and loving environment. The school endeavors to build students with a sense of their place in the world's community through small-size classes including children of mixed ages -- where students progress according to their abilities and strengths, rather than being categorized by age. The Academy fosters self-confidence and leadership skills. But, most of all, they are proud of the character and accomplishments exhibited by our graduates, all of whom remain connected to the Aspects Academy community that started them on their way.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the provisional licensing of Aspects Academy of Learning for a license for two years from August 1, 2022 through August 1, 2024. Aspects Academy of Learning has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 3925 North Martin Luther King Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89030

Ownership: Denise Moore

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

Enrollment: 11 students, Grades K - 8

Educational Staff: 6

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.