

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

August 27, 2020

SUBJECT: Private School Licensing

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- Advantages School International, Washoe County

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

- Mountain View Montessori School, Washoe County

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

- Mountain Heights Montessori, 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

School Name: Advantages School International

Background: Advantages School International is an online school that provides education that keeps the individual student at the center of his or her learning. Their program contains embedded scaffolds, instruction and support making with rigorous content accessible to all students everywhere. Their course catalog includes comprehensive grade-level core courses, honors, advance placement as well as foundation and literacy advantage courses for ESL students and students seeking remediation and/or credit recovery. They also partner with schools domestically and internationally, working with therapeutic boarding schools, flex programs, dual diploma programs, and sports academies.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the initial licensing of Advantages Schools International for two years, August 30, 2020- August 30, 2022. Advantages School International has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 3886 Mayberry Dr. Suite F., Reno, NV 89519

Ownership:

Allison Dampier, President

Insurance:

American Family Mutual Insurance

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

Bond: \$5,000, Western Surety Company

Financial Stability:

Expenses: \$314,520

Revenue: \$398,517

Enrollment: Anticipated at 700, K-12

Educational Staff: 15

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Mountain View Montessori

Background: The Mountain View Montessori School (MVM) community works together within a prepared environment to follow the child in developing a lifelong love of learning. MVM provides an environment that guides and nurtures the self-construction of individuals who will be able to define themselves, think objectively, make independent decisions and live an inspired life. MVM strives to respect, educate and serve a diversity of families, thus influencing a positive global effect through cosmic education. Following the guidelines of Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) is a vital part of our mission.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Mountain View Montessori for four years, August 30, 2020- August 30, 2024. Mountain View Montessori has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 565 Zolezzi Ln., Reno, NV 89511

Ownership:
Mary Levy, President

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

Financial Stability:

Expenses: \$2,497,717
Revenue: \$2,513,474

Enrollment: 240 K-9th

Educational Staff: 16

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Mountain Heights Montessori

Background: Mountain Heights Montessori is built around the idea that strong academics and social connectivity enhance a child's future in the global marketplace. Mountain Heights Montessori is not a just a school; it is a living and learning community. The school's primary mission is to foster a love of learning in each student. The curriculum skillfully weaves artistic and practical disciplines into everyday academics. Students learn to follow their curiosity, to think creatively, and to work both independently and cooperatively with others. Through hands on learning, students tackle academic curriculum in ways that are engaging, meaningful and adaptable to a variety of learning styles and abilities.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Mountain Heights Montessori for two years, August 30, 2020- August 30, 2022. Mountain Heights Montessori has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 3412 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89102

Ownership:

Lana Strong, Owner

Aja Debruyne Staniszewski, Owner

Insurance:

Pacific Crest

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

Surety Bond: \$5,000, Bonds Express

Financial Stability:

Expenses: \$168,000

Revenue: \$190,000

Enrollment: 12, K-3rd

Educational Staff: 2

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.