

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONSENT AGENDA ITEM
November 12, 2020

SUBJECT: Private School Re-Licensing and Initial Licensing

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- The Alexander Dawson School at Rainbow Mountain, Clark County
- Newton Learning Center, Washoe County
- Truckee Meadows School, Washoe County

Approve the initial provisional license for a two-year period of:

- Desert Valley Preparatory 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 each private school license.

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Private School Analysis

School Name: The Alexander Dawson School at Rainbow Mountain

Background: The Alexander Dawson School at Rainbow Mountain (ADSRM) is a nurturing learning community for boys and girls in preschool through grade eight that challenges students to achieve excellence in mind, body and character. The distinct Dawson learning environment is reflective of the diverse community that surrounds us. The celebration of differences drives the Dawson mission and unifies the school-wide focus of self and social awareness. Students benefit from working with and learning from other students and teachers who are varied in learning styles, socioeconomic backgrounds, race, religions, ideology, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, culture and ethnicity. ADSRM is committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming learning community.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of The Alexander Dawson School at Rainbow Mountain for four years, November 1, 2020- November 30, 2024. The Alexander Dawson School at Rainbow Mountain has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 10845 W. Desert Inn Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89135

Ownership:
LLC, The Alexander Dawson Foundation

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

Financial Stability:

Expenses: \$12,057,300
Revenue: \$10,663,640

Enrollment: 460

Educational Staff: 31

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Newton Learning Center

Background: Newton Learning Center is a social-cognitive private school for students diagnosed on the higher end to the autism spectrum with the mission of empowering students with special needs. Newton Learning Center accomplishes its goals through solid education fundamentals and social/emotional awareness, providing students with autism spectrum disorders the tools necessary to blossom both socially and academically. The school creates a safe and trusting atmosphere that will promote learning, self-esteem, relationship building and personal growth for our students.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Newton Learning Center for four years, November 1, 2020- November 30, 2024. Newton Learning Center has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 4895 Village Green Parkway, Reno, NV 89519

Ownership: Second Start Learning Disability Programs, Inc.
Chair: Bob Cole

Insurance:

Alliance of Nonprofits & CompWest Insurance Company

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

Surety Bond: \$5,000, Western Surety Company

Financial Stability:

Expenses: \$342,822

Revenue: \$264,550

Enrollment: 19

Educational Staff: 5

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Truckee Meadows School

Background: Truckee Meadows School is an on-site, fully accredited, state-licensed, private school providing elementary through high school education. Our school is accredited through AdvancED and utilizes the common core curriculum standards. Teachers are employees of Willow Springs Center and serve as educational advisors to the treatment team and students. Faculty includes special education instructors with Highly Qualified Status in their subject material, many of whom have Master's level degrees or higher. All teachers meet or exceed State of Nevada certification requirements in the subjects they teach.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Truckee Meadows School for four years, November 1, 2020- November 30, 2024. Truckee Meadows School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 690 Edison Way, Reno, NV 89502

Ownership: Universal Health Services, Inc.

Insurance:

Endurance American Specialty Insurance

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

Surety Bond: \$5,000, Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland

Financial Stability:

Expenses: \$15,748,073

Revenue: \$17,560,101

Enrollment: 70-100

Educational Staff: 8

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Desert Valley Preparatory Academy

Background: Desert Valley Preparatory Academy will serve students in grades 6- 12 beginning fall of 2020. During its initial year, the school will serve 15 students with the plan to grow each year. The school's mission is "to embrace the pursuit of excellence both inside and outside the classroom, encouraging critical thinking and emphasizing the learning process over rote memorization." Desert Valley Preparatory Academy's school philosophy is rooted in global citizenship and international commerce. The school is currently open in a temporary facility and has plans to move into its permanent facility during the 2021-2022 school year. The initial license will be provisional until the school is moved into its permanent facility and the required inspections are complete.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the initial provisional licensing of Desert Valley Preparatory Academy for two years, November 1, 2020- November 30, 2022. Desert Valley Preparatory Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 7455 S. Arroyo Crossing Pkwy, Suite 220, Las Vegas, NV 89113

Ownership: Tony Lane, President

Insurance:

Endurance American Specialty Insurance

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

Surety Bond: \$5,000, Great American Insurance Company

Financial Stability:

Expenses: \$104,000

Revenue: \$105,000

Enrollment: 15

Educational Staff: 6

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.