

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

September 1, 2022

SUBJECT: Private School Renewal License

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the provisional licensing for a two-year period for:

- Advantages School International (Online), Washoe County
- Challenger School - Desert Hills, Clark County
- Green Valley Lutheran School, Clark County
- Green Valley Methodist Kindergarten, Clark County
- Journey Education, Clark County
- Logos Christian Academy, Churchill County
- Mountain View Christian School, Clark County
- Mountain View Lutheran School, Clark County
- Nevada Sage Waldorf School, Washoe County
- New Song Christian Academy, Clark County
- Pebbles Kindergarten, Washoe County
- Rite of Passage Charter High School, Lyon County
- Riverview Christian Academy, Washoe County
- St. Anthony of Padua, at St. Francis of Assisi Clark County
- Water of Life Lutheran School, Clark County

Approve the provisional licensing for a four-year period for:

- LVVWD Care and Education Center, Clark County
- Triad School, 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 Programs 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: Advantages School International (Online), Washoe County

Background: Advantages International School (AIS) is a fully accredited online school. ASI scaffolds instruction to reach all learners. ASI admits a variety of learners, so whether students struggle with learning or need to be challenged and move at an accelerated pace, the school can accommodate them. The school's digital platform is available to students and staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week and allows for flexibility of access. Cognia, its accreditation agency, noted that the school's policies and procedures are strong and their success in recruiting and retaining both academic staff and students is among its strengths.

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

Address: 3886 Mayberry Drive, Suite F, Reno, Nevada 89519

Ownership: Advantages Digital Learning Solutions (ADLS)

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

Enrollment: 186 students, Grades K-12

Educational Staff: 17

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Challenger School-Desert Hills, Clark County

Background: The mission of Challenger Schools is to prepare children to become self-reliant, productive individuals; to teach them to think, speak, and write with clarity, precision, and independence; to lead them to recognize and value their individuality and unalienable rights; and to inspire them to embrace challenge and find joy and self-worth through achievement.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the licensing of Challenger School-Desert Hills for a license for two years from August 31, 2022, through August 31, 2024. Challenger School - Desert Hills has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 8175 West Badura Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113

Ownership: Challenger School Foundation

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

Enrollment: 348 students, Grades K-5

Educational Staff: 18

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Green Valley Lutheran School, Clark County

Background: Green Valley Lutheran School is a non-exempt school that offers common core curriculum with a biblical framework. Green Valley Lutheran's philosophy is that education should nurture the whole child; the school endeavors to nurture not only each child's social, emotional, physical, and academic growth, but their spiritual growth as well.

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

Address: 1799 Wigwam Parkway, Henderson, Nevada 89074

Ownership: Green Valley Lutheran School

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

Enrollment: 80 Students, Grades K-3

Educational Staff: 4

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Green Valley Methodist Kindergarten, Clark County

Background: Green Valley Methodist Kindergarten is an extension of the ministry of Green Valley Methodist Church. The school believes learning is a cooperative effort that includes parents, teachers, and children as partners in the learning process. The school seeks to develop well-rounded students through Christ-centered educational objectives. Those objectives include academic excellence through the development of independent learners, critical thinkers, effective communicators, and a strong biblical worldview.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the licensing of Green Valley Methodist Kindergarten for a license for two years from August 31, 2022 through August 31, 2024. Green Valley Methodist Kindergarten has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 2200 Robindale Road, Henderson, Nevada 89074

Ownership: Green Valley Methodist Church

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

Enrollment: 15 students, Grade K

Educational Staff: 1

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Journey Education, Clark County

Background: Journey Education's philosophy is that each child is an individual with his or her own unique style of learning and personality. At Journey Education, children can grow and learn in a loving and supportive environment. The school emphasizes the cultivation of integrity, good manners, and personal discipline. Journey Education gives careful consideration to the stages of development and styles of learning which recognize the varying abilities of each child.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the licensing of Journey Education for a license for two years from August 30, 2022, through August 30, 2024. Journey Education has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 2710 South Rainbow Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89146

Ownership: Educational Resource Center: DBA Journey Education

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

Enrollment: 76 Students, Grades K-8

Educational Staff: 8

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Logos Christian Academy, Churchill County

Background: Logos Christian Academy combines a classical education with a faith-based curriculum. The classical model emphasizes grammar, logic, and rhetoric in all subjects. The school also encourages every student to develop a love for learning and to live up to his or her academic potential. The school provides an orderly atmosphere conducive to the attainment of those goals.

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

Address: 665 Sheckler Road, Fallon, Nevada 89406

Ownership: Solo Gratia, Inc.

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

Enrollment: 93 Students, Grades K-8

Educational Staff: 6

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Mountain View Christian Schools, Clark County

Background: Mountain View Christian Schools (MVCS) has been serving the Las Vegas community since 1983. MVCS began as Little Lamb Preschool on a small church property located on the corner of N. Lamb Boulevard and E. Lake Mead Blvd. The church and school began growing and in 1989 it moved its location to 3900 E Bonanza Road. In the summer of 2020, MVCS moved to its current location at 301 S. Maryland Parkway. The school is college-prep with a leadership-based curriculum rooted in what the school calls the “Truth of Scripture.” The curriculum offers Advanced Placement opportunities, as well as Honors courses. It emphasizes science, technology, engineering and math, as well as visual arts, media arts, performance arts, karate and music.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the licensing of Mountain View Christian Schools for a license for two years from August 30, 2022, through August 30, 2024. Mountain View Christian Schools has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 301 South Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Ownership: Mountain View Christian Church

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

Enrollment: 200 students, Grades K-12

Educational Staff: 16

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Mountain View Lutheran School, Clark County

Background: Mountain View Lutheran School is an educational ministry of Mountain View Lutheran Church, which opened its doors in 1958 near downtown Las Vegas. Mountain View Lutheran has operated from its current location on West Cheyenne Avenue since 1997. Mountain View is accredited through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and National Lutheran Schools Accreditation. Mountain View Lutheran reports it will be the first and only school in Nevada accredited through Western Association of Schools and Colleges, leading the way for schools throughout Nevada and the Pacific Southwest District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to do the same through the rigorous process of accreditation.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the licensing of Mountain View Lutheran School for a license for two years from August 30, 2022, through August 30, 2024. Mountain View Lutheran School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 9550 West Cheyenne Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89129

Ownership: Mountain View Lutheran Church and School

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

Enrollment: 125 students, Grades K-5

Educational Staff: 10

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Nevada Sage Waldorf School, Washoe County

Background: Nevada Sage Waldorf aims to teach the whole child. The school's educational program meets each child where he or she is and helps him or her develop socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually, while giving them what they need to succeed academically. The academic curriculum in every grade is integrated with a variety of practical and fine arts, music, movement, play and time in nature.

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

Address: 565 Reactor Way, Reno, Nevada 89502

Ownership: Desert Sage Educational Initiative

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

Enrollment: 105 students, Grades K-8

Educational Staff: 14

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: New Song Christian Academy, Clark County

Background: New Song Christian Academy features a low student-to-teacher ratio. The curriculum balances faith-based values and lessons in arts and sciences. Service delivery includes phonics and writing, reading groups and literacy centers, math groups and math centers, and curriculum also includes health, science, and social studies.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the licensing of New Song Christian Academy for a license for two years from August 31, 2022 through August 31, 2024. New Song Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 1291 Cornet Street, Henderson, Nevada 89052

Ownership: New Song Lutheran Church

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

Enrollment: 10 students, Grade K

Educational Staff: 1

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Pebbles Kindergarten, Washoe County

Background: Pebbles kindergarten endeavors to help children thrive in school and prepare them to succeed in life. Programs are based on developmentally appropriate curriculum standards with tangible milestones. The school's learning objective is to ensure that all children, regardless of how they learn, receive the opportunity to become skilled in math and language, without experiencing frustration. Teachers use a variety of teaching modalities to reach all learners.

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

Address: 4950 Vista Boulevard, Sparks, Nevada 89436

Ownership: The Rock Christian Community Church

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

Enrollment: 14 students, Grade K

Educational Staff: 1

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Rite of Passage Charter High School, Lyon County

Background: Rite of Passage Charter High School is an educational institution serving youth who attend Sierra Sage Treatment Center. Sierra Sage Treatment Center serves young women who have been sexually exploited or who are displaying at-risk and delinquent behaviors, and referred by child welfare agencies, juvenile courts and private sources. Sierra Sage Treatment Center is an Integrated Care Model program which offers students a normalized high school experience that promotes diverse social and educational interactions on an open campus.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the licensing of St. Rite of Passage Charter High School for a license for two years from August 30, 2022 through August 30, 2024. Rite of Passage Charter High School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 100 Rosachi Road, Yerington, Nevada 89447

Ownership: Rite of Passage Adolescent Treatment Centers and Schools

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

Enrollment: 48 students, Grades 8-12

Educational Staff: 4

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Riverview Christian Academy, Washoe County

Background: Riverview Christian Academy traces its roots back to 1902, when the primary Adventist school opened. Riverview Christian aims to empower students with a knowledge of God and strong academics. The school's mission is to show children Jesus, nurture their love for Him and others, teach them to think, and empower them to serve. Riverview Christian Academy maintains accreditation through the Seventh-day Adventist educational system of universities, colleges, secondary and elementary schools.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the licensing of Riverview Christian Academy for a license for two years from August 31, 2022 through August 31, 2024. Riverview Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 7125 W. Fourth St., Reno, Nevada 89523

Ownership: Reno Seventh Day Adventist Church

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

Enrollment: 45 students, Grades K-8

Educational Staff: 3

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: St. Anthony of Padua at St. Francis of Assisi, Clark County

Background: St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic School is located on the campus of St. Francis of Assisi in Henderson. The school is a faith-based learning community that supports the success of all students through academics, leadership, and service by fostering a nurturing environment with Christ-like virtues. The school has a 3-D printing technology lab, broadcasting green room, a sound booth, and a science lab.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the licensing of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School for a license for two years from August 31, 2022 through August 31, 2024. St. Anthony of Padua has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 2300 Sunridge Height Parkway, Henderson, Nevada 89052

Ownership: St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Las Vegas

Insurance: Catholic Mutual Relief Society of America liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Enrollment: 366 students, Grades K-8

Educational Staff: 19

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Water of Life Lutheran School, Clark County

Background: The mission of Water of Life Lutheran School is to educate children and help them develop spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically, and to create a passion in children to share Jesus' love with others. The purpose is so student may go into their communities to be a positive influence with their knowledge, Christian faith and Christian principles.

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

Address: 5430 South Grand Canyon Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89148

Ownership: Water of Life Lutheran Church

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

Enrollment: 16 students, Grade K

Educational Staff: 1

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: LVVWD Care and Education Center

Background: LVVWD Care and Education Center believes that sensitive, loving interactions with teachers are the active ingredients of high-quality early care and learning programs. Children benefit socially, intellectually and physically from participation in quality group care experiences, with proven results that last into their school years. Quality programs also involve parents—regularly updating them on their child’s daily activities and sharing information about child development topics and activity ideas to enjoy at home.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the licensing of LVVWD Care and Education Center for a license for two years from June 30, 2022 through June 30, 2026. LVVWD Care and Education Center has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 853 South Valley View Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Ownership: Bright Horizons Children’s Centers, Inc.

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

Enrollment: 4 students, Grade K

Educational Staff: 1

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Triad School, Washoe County

Background: Triad was founded by a parent whose child was struggling in school. Triad gears its programs toward twice-exceptional children; children who are gifted who also have a learning disability. The school provides comprehensive reporting on individual achievement, individual attention in a small class setting, and opportunities to carry out scientific investigations and other opportunities in experiential learning.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the licensing of Triad School for a license for two years from September 30, 2022 through September 30, 2026. Triad School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 780 Trademark Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521

Ownership: Yvonne Blinde

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

Enrollment: 57 students, Grades K-8

Educational Staff: 11

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

SUBJECT: Private School New School License

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the provisional licensing for new schools:

- Acton Academy, Red Rock, Clark County
- Desert Peach Montessori School, Washoe County
- St. Clare's Tahoe, Washoe County
- The Goddard School, Somerset, Washoe County

BACKGROUND:

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Private School Analysis

School Name: Acton Academy, Red Rock, Clark County

Background: Acton Academy focuses on each child's strengths and talents. Its studios are student-centered and learner driven. Mixed age groups allow for children to learn from one another and develop life skills such as inclusion, respect, and acceptance. Acton provides guided learning through problem solving by combining low-tech and high-tech resources. Students participate in quarterly challenges that keep them curious.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the provisional licensing of Acton Academy Red Rock for a license for two years from August 31, 2022 through August 31, 2024. Acton Academy Red Rock has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 2635 Box Canyon, Las Vegas, NV 89128

Ownership: Amy Novak

Insurance: Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Enrollment: 28 students, Grades K-8

Educational Staff: 2

Private School Analysis

School Name: Desert Peach Montessori School, Washoe County

Background: Desert Peach Montessori School nurtures curiosity and fosters connectedness and compassion in all students. The teachers also serve as administrators at the school so they can make day-to-day decision that respond to the needs of their students. Desert Peach Montessori School looks for ways to involve parents and community in the education of their students. The school is committed to scientific observation and exploration, which it calls the foundation of the Montessori method.

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

Address: 627 Sunnyside Drive, Reno, Nevada 89503

Ownership: Wildflower Montessori

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

Enrollment: 50 students, Grades K-6

Educational Staff: 2

Private School Analysis

School Name: St. Clare's Tahoe: A Mountain Montessori School, Washoe County

Background: St. Clare's was a Montessori school in California. It has recently relocated to Incline Village, Nevada and now operates under the auspices of the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Reno. The school will be using the AMI Montessori curriculum. The school incorporates aspects of Catholic doctrine entwined with the Montessori method which emphasizes experiential and exploratory learning. The school integrates outdoor learning and weekly outdoor adventures into its service delivery.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the provisional licensing of St. Clare's Tahoe: A Mountain Montessori School for a license for two years from August 15, 2022 through August 15, 2024. St. Clare's Tahoe has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 701 Mount Rose Highway and 341 Village Boulevard, Incline Village, Nevada 89451

Ownership: Catholic Diocese of Reno

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

Enrollment: 45 students, Grades K-8

Educational Staff: 6

Private School Analysis

School Name: The Goddard School, Somerset, Washoe County

Background: The Goddard School was licensed with the state for kindergarten two years ago, but did not incorporate kindergarten at its last license renewal, so it did not need a license. Due to the license expiring, the school submitted a New/Initial Private School License Application so it could resume enrolling kindergarten students. Teachers at the Goddard School, Somerset work with each child's natural inclination for exploration and investigation to create flexible learning experiences that foster well-rounded development.

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

Address: 6330 Mae Anne Avenue, Reno, Nevada, 89523

Ownership: Denise Cross

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

Enrollment: 20 students, Grade K

Educational Staff: 2