

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

**Private School Consent Agenda**

September 4, 2024

**SUBJECT: Private School Renewal License**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the licensing for a two-year period for:

- Acton Academy, Red Rock, Clark County
- Aspects Academy of Learning Montessori School, Clark County
- Desert Peach Montessori School, Washoe County
- Merryhill School – Henderson, Clark County
- Nevada Sage Waldorf School, Washoe County

Approve the licensing for a four-year period for:

- Challenger School – Desert Hills, Clark County
- Green Valley United Methodist Kindergarten, Clark County
- Journey Education, Clark County
- Mountain View Christian Schools, Clark County
- Pebbles Kindergarten, Washoe County
- Rite of Passage Charter High School, Lyon 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:** Acton Academy Red Rock, Clark County

**Background:** At Acton Academy Red Rock, children embark on what the school calls a “Hero’s Journey.” Students learn how to be leaders throughout their education. Students are motivated by topics that lead to long-term projects that positively affect their community. Students learn problem solving techniques by utilizing low tech and high-tech resources. Students earn badges to show mastery of their learning. Students also learn a deep respect for economic, political and religious freedoms. This is Acton Academy Red Rock’s first renewal.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve Acton Academy Red Rock for a license for two years from August 31, 2024, through August 31, 2026. Acton Academy Red Rock has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Address:** 2635 Box Canyon Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128

**Ownership:** Amy Novak

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

**Enrollment:** 30 students, Kindergarten – Grade 12

**Educational Staff:** 3

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** Aspects Academy of Learning Montessori School, Clark County

**Background:** Aspects Academy of Learning has adopted the Montessori Method into its curriculum and service delivery. The Montessori curriculum is a spiral of interrelated, cross curricular study where a lesson likely will involve more than one subject. Aspects Academy of Learning also teaches life skills, critical and strategic thinking skills, communication skills, and leadership skills among others. Learning is experiential. Students use manipulatives and create hands-on projects to provide for deeper understanding. This is Aspects Academy of Learning's first license renewal.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve Aspects Academy of Learning Montessori School for a license for two years from August 31, 2024, through August 31, 2026. Aspects Academy of Learning Montessori School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Address:** 3925 North Martin Luther King Boulevard, Suite 207, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89032

**Ownership:** Aspects Academy of Learning

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

**Enrollment:** 5, Kindergarten – Grade 12

**Educational Staff:** 2

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** Desert Peach Montessori School, Washoe County

**Background:** Desert Peach Montessori School is part of the Wildflower Schools Network. The schools are united in “a mission for social justice,” which focuses on marginalized people and perspectives. Tuition is scaled to make it more accessible to those on a limited income and the school is committed to welcome one-third of its students, leadership, and partners from the marginalized community. The school cultivates students’ minds as well as the land it inhabits; it supplies an outdoor classroom and farm that is incorporated into instruction. Teaching is individualized to meet each student’s needs. This is Desert Peach Montessori School’s first license renewal.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve Desert Peach Montessori School for a license for two years from September 1, 2024, through September 1, 2026. Desert Peach Montessori School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Address:** 627 Sunnyside Drive, Reno, Nevada 89503

**Ownership:** Wildflower Schools Foundation

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

**Enrollment:** 9 students, Kindergarten – Grade 6

**Educational Staff:** 2

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** Merryhill School – Henderson, Clark County

**Background:** Merryhill School – Henderson is once again adding a Kindergarten class to its preschool campus. Kindergarten was discontinued in 2020 due to lack of enrollment, but demand has rekindled. The school’s mission continues: “to support the development of students with active and creative minds, a sense of understanding of the world around them, and a passion for life-long learning and service.” Merryhill School – Henderson prides itself on excellent academics achieved through personal attention for each student, and strong partnerships with parents. The staff works to make a Merryhill education “fun, stimulating, and meaningful.”

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve Merryhill School – Henderson for a license for two years from September 4, 2024, through September 4, 2026. Merryhill School – Henderson has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Address:** 2150 Windmill Parkway, Suite A, Henderson, Nevada 89074

**Ownership:** Spring Education Group

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

**Enrollment:** 21 students, Kindergarten

**Educational Staff:** 1

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** Nevada Sage Waldorf School, Washoe County

**Background:** Nevada Sage Waldorf School “provides rigorous learning experiences that engage the mind, enliven the imagination, and honor the spiritual development of each child.” The learning environment encourages creativity and critical thinking. The school incorporates a STEAM approach to each subject. Fields trips and other experiential learning are a large part of the service delivery. The goal at Nevada Sage Waldorf is “to prepare students to thrive in a dynamic world.”

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve Nevada Sage Waldorf School for a license for two years from August 31, 2024, through August 31, 2026. 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 Company liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence

**Enrollment:** 51 students, Kindergarten – Grade 8

**Educational Staff:** 16

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** Challenger School – Desert Hills, Clark County

**Background:** Challenger School – Desert Hills utilizes the curriculum designed and developed by Challenger. Challenger informs parents of academic goals for each grade level and posts those goals on its website. Challenger first graders can make analogies and recognize landforms. By second grade, students can read novels, identify stages in a plant’s life cycle, and label place value to the millions. By fifth grade, students can make inferences, use and cite sources in research, distinguish between a democracy and a republic, and subtract fractions with different denominators. Students study logic, starting with cause and effect in its earliest grade levels.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve Challenger School – Desert Hills for a license for four years from August 31, 2024, through August 31, 2028. 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 Insurance Company liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence

**Enrollment:** 348 students, Kindergarten – Grade 5

**Educational Staff:** 17

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** Green Valley Methodist Kindergarten

**Background:** Green Valley Methodist Kindergarten is committed to providing a “high quality, developmentally appropriate Christian Kindergarten education.” The school is dedicated to establishing a safe, healthy learning environment where students can advance their intellectual and physical skills. The school also works to support social and emotional development through positive guidance and discipline. The school teams with parents to create positive and productive relationships with its families. The school follows a Common Core curriculum that adheres to Nevada Academy Content Standards.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve Green Valley Methodist Kindergarten for a license for four years from, August 31, 2024, through, August 31, 2028. Green Valley United 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, Kindergarten

**Educational Staff:** 1

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** Journey Education, Clark County

**Background:** Journey Education emphasizes the “cultivation of integrity, good manners, and personal discipline.” For its academics, the school carefully considers the development styles of learning for each child when developing a learning plan. STEAM subjects are taught throughout the week but are emphasized during a STEAM project day each Monday. Students collaborate on projects and engage in hands-on learning and exploration that provides a deeper understanding of subject matter. Small student-teacher ratios allow teachers to meet the individual learning needs of each child. Students set and achieve realistic goals, and their success in reaching those goals builds self-confidence.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve Journey Education for a license for four years from August 31, 2024, through August 31, 2028. Journey Education has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

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

**Ownership:** Educational Resource Center

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

**Enrollment:** 85 students, Kindergarten – Grade 8

**Educational Staff:** 8

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** Mountain View Christian Schools, Clark County

**Background:** Mountain View Christian Schools train their students in problem solving applications, teamwork, and communication skills. The curriculum has job leadership training built in. Students discover their own passions and teachers foster those passions and teach students how to express their passions and beliefs in a healthy manner. When students graduate from Mountain View Christian Schools, they are able to apply their gifts to serve the needs of the world.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve Mountain View Christian Schools for a license for four years from August 31, 2024, through, August 31, 2028. 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 Insurance Company liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence

**Enrollment:** 156 students, Kindergarten – Grade 12

**Educational Staff:** 14

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** Pebbles Kindergarten, Washoe County

**Background:** Pebbles Kindergarten believes “all children deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve.” The school helps children cultivate values and skills that “empower them to thrive intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically.” The school uses Abeka curriculum in its Kindergarten class. The aim of Pebbles Kindergarten is to provide a strong foundation for elementary school and beyond.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve Pebbles Kindergarten for a license for four years from August 31, 2024, through August 31, 2028. Pebbles Kindergarten has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Address:** 4950 Vista Boulevard, Sparks, Nevada 89436

**Ownership:** The Rock 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, Kindergarten

**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 provides an education to young women who are receiving treatment at the Sierra Sage Treatment center. The center serves students ages 14-17 who have been sexually exploited, display at-risk behaviors, and have been subjected to violence and trauma. The program is designed “to promote learning, growth, and healing.” Parent involvement is strongly encouraged. Student learning and healing involves community service projects. The goal is the program is to integrate students back into their home community.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve Rite of Passage Charter High School for a license for four years from August 31, 2024, through August 31, 2028. Rite of Passage Charter High School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Address:** 100 Rosaschi Road, Yerington, Nevada 89447

**Ownership:** Rite of Passage Adolescent Treatment Centers and Schools, Inc.

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

**Enrollment:** 48 students, Grade 8– Grade 12

**Educational Staff:** 2

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Agent Permits

### **SUBJECT: Private School Agent Permit**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the permit for the applicant listed who has submitted a complete application along with three recent letters of recommendation for this position, a copy of the private school's surety bond or CD and required payment. The applicant has also indicated whether he has a child support obligation and if so, whether it is current or in arrears. The Agent Permit will be valid from July 31, 2024 - January 1, 2025.

**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 Agent Application is complete, and the Nevada State Board of Education approves the issuing of each private school's agent permit.

### **SUBMITTED BY:**

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Agent Permit Application Requestor

**Private School**

Merryhill School – Henderson

**Agent Name**

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