

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

June 12, 2024

SUBJECT: Private School Renewal License

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the licensing for a two-year period for:

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

Approve the licensing for a four-year period for:

- Green Valley Lutheran School, Clark County
- Logos Christian Academy, Churchill County
- Mountain View Lutheran School, 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 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: St. Clare's Tahoe: A Mountain Montessori School, Washoe County

Background: St. Clare's Tahoe: A Mountain Montessori School utilizes hands-on exploratory learning. The school's mission is "to help students know the Truth, love and the Good, appreciate the Beautiful, and to grow in the fullness of their created potential." The school integrates outdoor learning and weekly adventures, spending many classroom hours learning outdoors. Teachers are trained in the Montessori Method and act as learning facilitators, understanding each student's growth, and providing avenues and materials for deep understanding of each subject.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve St. Clare's Tahoe: A Mountain Montessori School for a license for two years from August 15, 2024, through August 15, 2026. St. Clare's Tahoe has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 701 Mount Rose Highway, Incline Village, Nevada 89451

Ownership: Roman Catholic Diocese of Reno

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

Enrollment: 60 students, Kindergarten – Grade 12

Educational Staff: 8

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Green Valley Lutheran School, Clark County

Background: Green Valley Lutheran School started as a kindergarten in its preschool and is expanding to fourth grade this upcoming school year. Instruction is designed around the child and his or her individual needs. School leaders believe it is the teacher’s role to help children “discover more about themselves, their world, and their God.” The school does this through an environment that is rich in academic, social, and spiritual experiences. The school stresses active learning where children can interact directly with their environment. The school uses Common Core Curriculum and adheres to Nevada Academic Content Standards. It also follows the Clark County School District calendar.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Green Valley Lutheran School for a license for four years from July 31, 2024, through July 31, 2028. 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, Kindergarten – Grade 4

Educational Staff: 4

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Logos Christian Academy, Churchill County

Background: Logos Christian Academy offers a classical education, emphasizing grammar, logic, and rhetoric in all subjects. The school aims to prepare students to think clearly and articulate precisely. The school restricts class sizes to 12 for Kindergarten, 16 in grades 1-4, and 20 in grades 6-8. Logos Christian Academy uses Wordly Wise for spelling, Shurley for grammar, and Institute for Excellence for Writing. It utilizes Singapore Math for all grade levels, which aligns with Nevada Academic Content Standards. Logos uses the Iowa battery of assessments to monitor student achievement.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Logos Christian Academy for a license for four years from August 30, 2024, through August 30, 2028. Logos Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 1191 East Stillwater Avenue, Fallon, Nevada 89406

Ownership: Solo Gratia, Inc.

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

Enrollment: 68 students, Kindergarten – Grade 8

Educational Staff: 9

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Mountain View Lutheran School, Clark County

Background: Mountain View Lutheran School has been serving the Las Vegas Valley for over 25 years. The school partners with families to help students grow academically, spiritually, socially, and physically. Mountain View Lutheran School has adopted elements of Core Knowledge, Common Core State Standards, Nevada State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards as the foundations for the curriculum. The school is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The school has been honored as a Purple Star School by the Nevada Department of Education.

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

Enrollment: 140 students, Kindergarten – Grade 5

Educational Staff: 13

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Agent Permit

SUBJECT: Private School Agent Permits

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 she has a child support obligation and if so, whether it is current or in arrears. The Agent Permit will be valid from June 12, 2024 - January 1, 2025. This agent is replacing the previous agent.

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.

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Private School

The Education Center at SunArch Academy

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