

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Private School Consent Agenda

November 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Private School License Renewal

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the licensing for a four-year period for:

- The Alexander Dawson School at Rainbow Mountain, Clark County
- Capstone Christian Academy, Clark County
- Community Christian Academy, Nye County
- Lake Mead Christian Academy, Clark County
- Liberty Baptist Academy, Clark County
- Mesquite Christian Academy, Clark County
- Newton Learning Center, Washoe County
- Reno Christian Fellowship King's Kids, Washoe County
- Sage Ridge School, Washoe County
- Temple Beth Shalom, Clark County
- University Baptist 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 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: The Alexander Dawson School at Rainbow Mountain, Clark County

Background: The Alexander Dawson School at Rainbow Mountain was founded 24 years ago and has grown from 150 students in grades Kindergarten through Grade 5 to 491 students in Kindergarten through Grade 8. The school’s mission is to provide a nurturing learning environment “that challenges students to achieve excellence in mind, body, and character.” The school is a Stanford University Challenge Success partner school, which focuses on student mental health and well-being. Academics are individualized and teachers use a student-centered approach to enhance student academic outcomes, work habits, learner mindsets, and to provide students the skills required for success and fulfillment in an ever-changing world. The Alexander Dawson School is accredited by Cognia.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve The Alexander Dawson School at Rainbow Mountain for a license for four years from November 30, 2024, through November 30, 2028. The Alexander Dawson School at Rainbow Mountain has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 10845 West Desert Inn Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89135

Ownership: The Alexander Dawson Foundation

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

Enrollment: 491 students, Kindergarten – Grade 8

Educational Staff: 39

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Capstone Christian Academy, Clark County

Background: Capstone Christian Academy keeps its classes small to allow for individualized learning and academic success. The school uses Saxon for math and Abeka curriculum for all other subjects. The school operates one year ahead in math and on-level in all other courses. By first grade, students are reading to learn and learning to enjoy the reading. By second grade students learn to think independently. They are encouraged to ask question for a deeper understanding of concepts. By fifth grade students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding through projects and more independent study facilitated by the teaching staff. The school keeps classes sizes small at 12 students, so learning can be individualized at each level of the program.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Capstone Christian Academy for a license for four years from October 31, 2024, through October 31, 2028. Capstone Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 985 East Serene Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89123

Ownership: Capstone Christian Academy

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

Enrollment: 130 students, Kindergarten – Grade 5

Educational Staff: 8

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Community Christian Academy, Nye County

Background: Community Christian Academy is the only private school in Nye County. The school uses Abeka curriculum at each of its grade levels. Classes are small, with an average of 11 students per class which allows teachers to address each student's learning needs. Students work through an accelerated math program that allows them to access Algebra I in Grade 8. The school provides differentiated instruction for those who struggle.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Community Christian Academy for a license for four years from October 31, 2024, through October 31, 2028. Community Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 1601 East Wilson Road, Pahrump, Nevada 89048

Ownership: Pahrump Community Church

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

Enrollment: 145 students, Kindergarten – Grade 9

Educational Staff: 13

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Lake Mead Christian Academy, Clark County

Background: At Lake Mead Christian Academy “Community is Key.” The school teams with parents “to create a nurturing path for student success” Lake Mead Christian Academy utilizes Abeka, a spiraling Christian-based curriculum that reviews concepts already learned and connects prior learning with current lessons. The school also offers academic competitions such as a Spelling Bee, Math Olympics, Speech Meet, and Creative Writing. The school’s secondary school focuses on preparing students for college. The school provides SAT and ACT prep as early as Grade 8 and continues that support throughout high school. 90-95 percent of its graduates enter college immediately following graduation.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Lake Mead Christian Academy for a license for four years from October 31, 2024, through October 31, 2028. Lake Mead Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 540 & 655 East Lake Mead Parkway, Henderson, Nevada 89015

Ownership: Lake Mead Christian Academy

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

Enrollment: 983 students, Kindergarten – Grade 12

Educational Staff: 52

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Liberty Baptist Academy, Clark County

Background: Liberty Baptist Academy students are taught to be “Leaders, Believers, and Achievers.” They are leaders in their community as well as their schools, believers of the Christian faith, and academic achievers in “Christ’s Character.” The school was established in 1998. The school reports 98 percent of its graduates go on to attend institutes of higher education. The school uses Abeka curriculum; the scope and sequence of each grade level is on its website for parents to review. Liberty Baptist Academy is accredited through Cognia.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Liberty Baptist Academy for a license for four years from October 31, 2024, through October 31, 2028. Liberty Baptist Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 6501 West Lake Mead Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108

Ownership: Liberty Baptist Church

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

Enrollment: 170 students, Kindergarten – Grade 12

Educational Staff: 13

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Mesquite Christian Academy, Clark County

Background: Mesquite Christian Academy provides a “classical Christian education” that includes grammar, logic, and rhetoric. Elementary students are provided with a strong foundation, so students can move to more abstract concepts and deeply probe subjects using logic and then develop skills in rhetoric that will serve them in advanced studies. Classes are small and each teacher understands the educational and emotional needs of each student. The school has a thriving program in the arts and provides its students with several extracurricular activities.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Mesquite Christian Academy for a license for four years from October 31, 2024, through October 31, 2028. Mesquite Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 315 Calais Drive, Mesquite, Nevada 89027

Ownership: Mesquite Christian Academy

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

Enrollment: 35 students, Kindergarten – Grade 12

Educational Staff: 10

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Newton Learning Center, Washoe County

Background: Newton Learning Center has been dedicated to students on the higher end of the autism spectrum and those with similar learning challenges since it opened its doors in 2008. Newton Learning Center provides a student-centered individualized learning plan. Many students are empowered to transition back into a public-school program once students develop the learning skills needed. The school's low classroom staff ratio of 8:1 allows teachers to individualize learning and meet each student's academic and social-emotional learning needs.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Newton Learning Center for a license for four years from November 30, 2024, through November 30, 2028. Newton Learning Center has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 4895 Village Green Parkway, Reno, Nevada 89519

Ownership: Second Start Learning Disabilities Programs, Inc.

Insurance: Alliance for Non-Profits Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence

Enrollment: 50 students, Kindergarten – Grade 12

Educational Staff: 5

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Reno Christian Fellowship King's Kids, Washoe County

Background: Reno Christian Fellowship King's Kids partners with parents "to reach and teach kids and give them a place to belong." Students feel empowered and build confidence through academic success. These young learners are exposed to financial literacy, nutritional education, theater and performing arts, science, and social studies in their kindergarten classroom. Learning and play time includes 3D building, sculpture, and construction. Students also discuss current events and talk about how those events affect them in their daily lives.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Reno Christian Fellowship King's Kids for a license for four years from October 31, 2024, through October 31, 2028. Reno Christian Fellowship King's Kids has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 1700 Zolezzi Lane, Reno, Nevada 89511

Ownership: Reno Christian Fellowship

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

Enrollment: 10 students, Kindergarten

Educational Staff: 1

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Sage Ridge School, Washoe County

Background: Sage Ridge School is broken down into Lower School, Middle School, and Upper School. In Lower School, students learn through flexible, personalized engagement. Learning is active with many hands-on activities. Science includes laboratory experiences. Spanish classes begin in grade three and continue through high school. Students take P.E. each day in both elementary and middle school. Lower School students have a daily rotation of arts, music, theater, or visual arts. Computer fluency and public speaking are initiated in the Lower School. In Middle School laptops are fully integrated, computer program classes focus on Robotics and JavaScript, laboratory science classes are part of the regular academic day, and students have an opportunity to take advanced classes. Latin is added to the foreign language classes and students continue with their studies in Spanish.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Sage Ridge School for a license for four years from October 31, 2024, through October 31, 2028. Sage Ridge School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 2515 Crossbow Court, Reno, Nevada 89511

Ownership: Sage Ridge School

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

Enrollment: 228 students, Grade 3 – Grade 12

Educational Staff: 33

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Temple Beth Sholom, Clark County

Background: Temple Beth Sholom's Kindergarten is interactive allowing the students to question, observe, engage, experiment, and create as they develop their skills. Students move through at least eight different learning centers. Spanish and Hebrew are taught to their young students. The kindergarten classroom includes a variety of interactive materials such as math and science "labs," music nooks, comprehensive libraries, computer centers, and fully stocked art areas. In addition to the centers, teachers also run academic circles and work one-on-one and in small groups to provide each student with the attention he or she needs.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Temple Beth Sholom for a license for four years from, October 31, 2024, through, October 31, 2028. Temple Beth Sholom has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 10700 Havenwood Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89135

Ownership: Temple Beth Sholom

Insurance: State Farm Fire and Casualty Company Insurance 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: University Baptist Academy, Clark County

Background: The purpose of University Baptist Academy is “to produce young men and women who have a Christ-centered worldview that are willing and able to serve Christ with their profession.” The school has small class sizes and individualizes instruction. Students can work at their own pace, whether that pace is accelerated or slower paced to understand concepts. University Baptist Academy uses the Common Core State Standards as the basis for all its curriculum.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve University Baptist Academy for a license for four years from, October 31, 2024, through, October 31, 2028. University Baptist Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 3770 West Washburn Road, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89031

Ownership: First Spanish Baptist Church

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

Enrollment: 65 students, Kindergarten – Grade 12

Educational Staff: 5

Complaint Status: No complaints on file