

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

**Private School Consent Agenda**

October 2, 2024

**SUBJECT: Private School License Renewal**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the licensing for a two-year period for:

- Advantages School International (Online), Washoe County
- The Adelson School, Clark County
- The Church at Reno Christian Academy, Washoe County
- The King's Academy, Washoe County
- Word of Life Christian Academy, Clark County

Approve the licensing for a four-year period for:

- Ateres Bnos Ita, Clark County
- Foothills Church Academy, 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 School International provides a “student centric” education that is tailored to each child. Students work at a pace and level that is suited from them. The curriculum is entirely online but is interactive and engages multiple modalities for learning. The school provides regular progress reporting each week to parents or guardians via email. The school has two tracks: a general education track for students aiming to earn a high school diploma before entering the workforce or the military, and a college preparatory track tailored to students seeking to pursue post-secondary education. Advantages School International is accredited by Cognia.

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

**Address:** 1650 Robb Drive, Suite B2, Reno, Nevada 89523

**Ownership:** Advantages Digital Learning Solutions

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

**Enrollment:** 200 students, Kindergarten – Grade 12

**Educational Staff:** 5

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** The Adelson School, Clark County

**Background:** The Adelson School started in 1980 as The Hebrew Academy Las Vegas. At Adelson, students are not only educated, but “they are known.” Its mission is to provide a “compelling state-of-the-art education in a safe and nurturing environment.” The school also endeavors to create leaders of tomorrow through academic rigor and by developing critical thinking skills. In elementary school, each grade level engages in enrichment projects in themed units such as “My Place in Space” for kindergarten, while fourth graders create a Wax Museum Project that reflects the timeline of their life. The Adelson School is “an inclusive community that welcome families of all faiths and affiliations.”

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

**Address:** 9700 Hillpointe Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89134

**Ownership:** The Adelson School

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

**Enrollment:** 625 students, Kindergarten – Grade 12

**Educational Staff:** 75

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** The Church at Reno Christian Academy, Washoe County

**Background:** The Church at Reno Christian Academy has been in operation since 1979. The academy is open to both members and non-members of the church. Learning is individualized. Teachers work to fill in learning gaps that are evident from assessments that are given at the beginning of the school year. Students can also move at an accelerated pace if they are able. The school uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum at each grade level. The Church at Reno Christian Academy teaches to mastery; students may not move on to the next concept until they receive an 80 percent or higher on their classwork.

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

**Address:** 1205 North McCarran Road, Reno, Nevada 89512

**Ownership:** The Church at Reno

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

**Enrollment:** 25 students, Kindergarten – Grade 12

**Educational Staff:** 3

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** The King’s Academy, Washoe County

**Background:** The King’s Academy is committed to academic excellence and “nurturing spiritual formation that creates an environment where students thrive and grow.” The school limits its student-teacher ratio to 15:1 so students have more opportunities to ask questions and receive individualized instruction that fits with their learning style. The school uses Saxon Math in each of its grade levels. Students start Spanish in Grade 6. The King’s Academy is accredited through the National Association of Private Schools.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve The King’s Academy for a license for two years from October 31, 2024, through October 31, 2026. The King’s Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Address:** 3195 Everett Drive, Reno, Nevada 89503

**Ownership:** Schools of Sierra Bible Church

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

**Enrollment:** 56 students, Kindergarten – Grade 8

**Educational Staff:** 9

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** Word of Life Christian Academy, Clark County

**Background:** Word of Life Christian Academy has been in operation since 1999. Its mission is to develop “academic excellence in a Christian environment.” The school endeavors to provide “a warm, nurturing, safe and loving environment” where each child can grow intellectually and emotionally and where individuality is respected and independence is encouraged. Each classroom has a maximum of 20 students with a lead teacher and an assistant. Students are also encouraged to be “civic minded” and are offered opportunities to serve in their community.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board approve Word of Life Christian Academy for a license for two years from, September 30, 2024, through, September 30, 2026. Word of Life Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Address:** 3510 North Buffalo Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89129

**Ownership:** Word of Life Christian Center

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

**Enrollment:** 300 students, Kindergarten – Grade 12

**Educational Staff:** 18

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** Ateres Bnos Ita, Clark County

**Background:** Ateres Bnos Ita is committed to provide “a stellar education and an environment of warmth, love and growth for high school girls of the Las Vegas community.” The school’s mission is to provide students with an excellent Judaic and secular preparatory educational that inspires students to focus on personal growth, pursue higher education and to be leaders within their communities. Its vision is to help “every single student discover her unique qualities and reach her fullest potential.” The school uses a variety of curricula all of which adhere to Nevada Academy Content Standards.

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

**Address:** 1401 Hillshire Drive, #210, Las Vegas, Nevada 89134

**Ownership:** Ateres Bnos Ita

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

**Enrollment:** 35 students, Grade 9 – Grade 12

**Educational Staff:** 9

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file

## Private School Analysis

**School Name:** Foothills Church Academy, Washoe County

**Background:** The goal of Foothills Church Academy is “to provide a combination of academic, life-skill, and scriptural studies that will prepare students to tackle all the challenges of life.” The school uses the LIFEPAAC curriculum from Alpha Omega Publishers that allows students to move at their own pace as they master each unit. The curriculum allows teachers the flexibility to mix and match subjects or grade level worktexts to personalize each student’s learning experience.

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

**Address:** 14770 Chamy Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521

**Ownership:** Foothills Church of Christ

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

**Enrollment:** 27 students, Kindergarten – Grade 12

**Educational Staff:** 3

**Complaint Status:** No complaints on file