

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Private School Consent Agenda

January 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Private School License Renewal

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the licensing for a two-year period for:

- Rite of Passage Charter School, Clark County

Approve the licensing for a four-year period for:

- Anderson Academy of Math and Science, Clark County
- Omar Haikal Islamic Academy, Clark County
- Silicon Valley High School, Clark County (Online)

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: Rite of Passage Charter School, Clark County

Background: Rite of Passage Charter School provides educational services to students enrolled in The Embracing Project, a program serving youth who have been identified as victims of sexual assault, sexual abuse, human trafficking, and domestic violence. Students remain at the school for at least a year and receive academic instruction aligned with Nevada Academic Content Standards. Students use Edmentum online curriculum customized for their academic needs. The school endeavors to help students graduate on time whether it is with a Rite of Passage diploma or through their local school district.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Rite of Passage Charter School for a license for two years from January 12, 2025, through January 12, 2027. Rite of Passage Charter School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 800 East Charleston Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

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

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

Enrollment: 12 students, Grades 6 – Grade 12

Educational Staff: 1

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Anderson Academy of Math and Science, Clark County

Background: Anderson Academy of Mathematics and Science focuses on improving the academic performance of students by emphasizing mathematics and science in all subject areas while using differentiated instruction strategies to reach all students. This instructional approach provides remedial or accelerated instruction to each student to best fit their academic performance level. The 10:1 student-teacher ratio allows teachers to adjust service delivery to meet individual academic needs. All curriculum at Anderson Academy of Math and Science is aligned to meet Nevada Academy Content Standards.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Anderson Academy of Math and Science for a license for four years from February 28, 2025, through February 28, 2029. Anderson Academy of Math and Science has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 8601 Del Webb Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89134

Ownership: Anderson Academy of Math and Science

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

Enrollment: 17 students, Kindergarten – Grade 12

Educational Staff: 2

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Omar Haikal Islamic Academy, Clark County

Background: At Omar Haikal Islamic Academy, education transcends boundaries of knowledge and spirituality. Dedication to faith, academic excellence, diverse community, and holistic development of the whole child are among its many foundational tenants. The school has well-stocked libraries with a vast array of resources. Educators are mentors as well as teachers as they guide students to academic and spiritual excellence. The school engages in several service projects to benefit the community. Omar Haikal Islamic Academy is accredited by Cognia.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Omar Haikal Islamic Academy for a license for four years from June 30, 2025, through June 30, 2029. Omar Haikal Islamic Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 485 East Eldorado Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89123

Ownership: The Islamic Foundation of Nevada

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

Enrollment: 223 students, Kindergarten – Grade 8

Educational Staff: 9

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Silicon Valley High School, Clark County (Online)

Background: At the core of Silicon Valley High School's educational philosophy is the belief that every student deserves a personalized learning experience. Teachers understand that each learner is unique, with their own strengths, challenges, and aspirations. Silicon Valley High School is a self-paced online school that offers full-time curriculum as well as courses to students who would like to accelerate their learning or for those who need credit recovery. Students can access the curriculum 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Silicon Valley High School is accredited by Cognia and Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

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

Address: 8275 South Eastern Avenue, Suite 200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89123

Ownership: Silicon Valley High School, Inc.

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

Enrollment: 30 Nevada students, Grade 9 – Grade 12

Educational Staff: 43

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Agent Permits

SUBJECT: Private School Agent Permit

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the permits for the applicants listed, each of whom 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 they have a child support obligation and if so, whether it is current or in arrears. The Agent Permit will be valid from January 1, 2025 - January 1, 2026.

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 agent permit.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Agent Permit Application Requestors

Private School

Accelerated Learning Academy

Acton Academy, Red Rock

Advantages School International (Online)

Aspects Academy of Learning

Bethlehem Lutheran School

Brookfield School

Candil Hall Academy

Desert Peach Montessori

Faith Christian Academy

Green Valley Lutheran School

Henderson International School

Imagination Station

Kids R' Kids Learning Academy

Lake Tahoe School

Las Vegas Day School

Las Vegas Enrichment Academy

Las Vegas Valley Water District Education Center

Merryhill School - Durango

Merryhill School – Henderson

Merryhill School – Summerlin

Montessori Visions Academy

Agent Name

Gwen Johnson

Kim Bernstein

Sandra Gamba

Marilyn Moore

Debra Winkelman

Carson Johnson

Jhonna Diller

Tamra Hopkins

Meghan McQuain

Mandee Heiney

Bryan Garofolo

Kathy Etchemendy

Enas Croft

Robert Graves

Neil Daseler

Carolyn J. Wassell

Wendy Terry-Bybee

Nancy Ann Tatum

Lisa Fitzgerald

Jami Yingling

Lori Jo Bossy

Agent Permit Application Requestors (cont.)

Private School

Mountain View Montessori

Nasri Academy for Gifted Children

Noble Collegiate Academy

Nevada School of Inquiry

New Horizons Academy

Tara Bevington

Omar Haikal Islamic Academy

Primrose School of Las Vegas

Sage Ridge School

Silicon Valley High School (Online)

Southern Highlands Preparatory School

Spring Valley Montessori

Springstone Lakes Montessori

St. John's Children's Center

Sunset Montessori Community

Super Genius Academy

The Goddard School, Somerset

The Meadows School

Triad School

Trinity International

Truckee Meadows School

Agent Name

Mary Levy

Dr. Ellen Honeck

Minli Wang

Christian Threeton

P. Kirsten Lopez

Newton Learning Center

Dr. Osama Haikal

Jaini Jarawala

Eric Gangloff

David Richard Smith

Kacey Flores

Angie Lomeli

Loretta Knight

Maria Winchester

Anna V. Martinez

Velena Baranova

Denise Cross

Dr. Jason Berckley

Julie Arnold

Kira Guidice

Melissa Rose

Agent Permit Application Requestors (cont.)

Private School

Wharton School (Online)

Agent Name

Sunghoon Sim