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STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

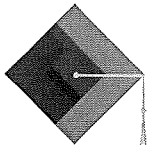
**FROM:** Joy Hofmeister

**DATE:** February 23, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

The Academy of Classical Christian Studies requests approval to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program. As of January 19, 2017, The Academy of Classical Christian Studies has been accredited through AdvanceEd/The North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement and Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission (OPSAC). They offer modification for students with special needs or learning differences. The Academy is a four campus district serving North Oklahoma City, Midtown Oklahoma City, Norman, and South Oklahoma City.

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The Academy of Classical Christian Studies

PreK-12th Grade

NAME OF PRIVATE SCHOOL

GRADE LEVELS

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CONTACT EMAIL

**The Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship Act requires, in part, that the private school desiring to participate must demonstrate/identify certain criteria prior to being approved. The State Department of Education shall approve a private school as eligible to participate in the scholarship program upon determination that the private school meets the following:**

The private school must demonstrate fiscal soundness by having been in operation for one (1) year or providing the State Department of Education with a statement by a certified public accountant confirming that the private school desiring to participate is insured and the owner or owners have sufficient capital or credit to operate the school for the upcoming year by serving the number of students anticipated with expected revenues from tuition and other sources that may be reasonably expected. In lieu of a statement, a surety bond or letter of credit for the amount equal to the scholarship funds for any quarter may be filed with the Department.

- YES**  **NO** Does your school meet the financial requirements stated above?
- YES**  **NO** Do you comply with the antidiscrimination provisions of 42 U.S.C., Section 2000d?
- YES**  **NO** Do you meet state and local health and safety laws and codes?
- YES**  **NO** Will you be academically accountable to the parent or legal guardian for meeting the educational needs of the student?
- YES**  **NO** Do you employ or contract with teachers who hold baccalaureate or higher degrees, or have at least three (3) years of teaching experience in public instruction in subjects taught?
- YES**  **NO** Do you comply with all state laws relating to general regulation of private schools and adhere to the tenets of all published disciplinary procedures prior to the expulsion of a scholarship student?

**The private school must meet the accreditation requirements set by the State Board of Education or another accrediting association approved by the State Board of Education.**

Please list all accrediting information.

As of January 19, 2017, The Academy has been accredited through AdvancED/The North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement. Nancy Bolz is our AdvancED contact (nbolz@advanc-ed.org

What services and support do you offer students with disabilities?

The Academy makes modifications for students with special needs or learning differences. Students with severe learning disabilities are best served in a school with a more complete staff who are specially trained to handle such matters. When the school can, it seeks to extend any modifications possible to students in need.

**Please list below any additional information you would like the State Board of Education to consider for adding your school to the list of approved private schools for the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship.**

The Academy is a four campus district, and has been accredited by AdvancED as such. We have traditional students (i.e. students on campus five days per week) at every campus, and would like for the LNH scholarship to apply to traditional students at each campus. Alongside our traditional model, we also have a blended model in which students attend school two days a week and work from home with a parent the remaining three days of the school week. These blended students would not be eligible for the LNH Scholarship.

The information I have provided the State Board of Education is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Casey Shutt, Assistant Headmaster

2-8-2017

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DATE