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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

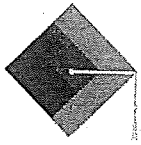
FROM: Joy Hofmeister

DATE: March 23, 2017

SUBJECT: Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

Hillsdale Christian School requests approval to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program. Hillsdale Christian School is accredited through Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission (OPSAC). They offer differentiated instruction within the classroom and a National Institute for Learning Development (NILD) certified therapist for students with special needs or learning differences.

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Hillsdale Christian School

Pre-K - 8th

NAME OF PRIVATE SCHOOL

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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.

We are accredited through Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission.

What services and support do you offer students with disabilities?

We offer differentiated instruction within the classroom, a speech pathologist from the local school district who comes to our school twice a week, and a National Institute for Learning Development (NILD) certified therapist.

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.

Our school provides opportunities for students to participate in the Science Fair, Speech Meet, Drama, Music, Worship Team, Debate, Spelling Bee, Math Olympics, organized sports (basketball, baseball), and many community outreach projects. Our school is really kind of known for making the "odd ducks" feel accepted.

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

Renee Haymaker 3-7-17

SIGNATURE

DATE