



OKLAHOMA STATE
DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The State Department of Education

FROM: Stacy Eden

DATE: August 10, 2026

SUBJECT: Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

Covenant Community School (CCS) request approval to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program. They are accredited through the Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS) and recognized by the Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission charged by the Oklahoma State Department of Education with overseeing educational quality of accredited private schools in the state.

CCS offers smaller class sizes and provides accommodations and instructional supports, including preferential seating, extended time for assignments and assessments, modified assignments when appropriate, flexible instructional strategies, and study skills support. CCS also works collaboratively with parents to monitor student progress and address individual learning needs.

Included is compliance documentation that meets certain criteria in the application.

- Criteria 1: Fiscal Soundness – Certificate of Incorporation and 2025-2026 School Calendar
- Criteria 2: Non-Discrimination – CCS Student and Parent Handbook
- Criteria 3: Teacher Requirement – CCS Staff Manual
- Criteria 4: Accreditation – ACTS Certificate

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LINDSEY NICOLE HENRY SCHOLARSHIP PRIVATE SCHOOL APPLICATION

Covenant Community School

PreK3-12th

NAME OF PRIVATE SCHOOL

GRADE LEVELS

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Stillwater

OK

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CITY

STATE

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PRIVATE SCHOOL CONTACT FOR LNH

CONTACT EMAIL

The Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship Act requires participating schools to be physical, brick-and-mortar institutions in Oklahoma and meet certain approval criteria. Schools must provide documentation to show they comply, which will be reviewed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE). This documentation is often found in the school's policies or handbook. Please prepare a PDF for each item listed below to email with your application.

The OSDE will approve a private school for the scholarship program if it meets the following criteria:

1. The private school must demonstrate fiscal soundness by having been in operation for one (1) year or providing the OSDE with a statement by a certified public accountant confirming that the private school 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 Oklahoma State Department of Education. ***Proof of compliance required. Save in a PDF, and label it Criteria 1.***
2. The private school must comply with the antidiscrimination provision of 42 U.S.C. § 2000d. ***Proof of compliance required. Save in a PDF, and label it Criteria 2.***
3. The private school must 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. ***Proof of compliance required. A statement or excerpt from the school policies or handbook stating the educational requirement for the teaching staff is acceptable documentation. Save in a PDF, and label it Criteria 3.***

4. The private school must meet the accreditation requirements set by the SDE or another accrediting association approved by the OSDE. ***Please type the name of your accrediting agency in the box below. Save the accreditation approval letter or certificate as a PDF, and label it Criteria 4.***

Association of Christian Teachers and Schools

5. The private school must be able to provide services and/or accommodations for students with disabilities. ***Please describe in detail the services, programs and support you offer to students with disabilities in the box below.***

Covenant Community School is committed to providing a supportive, Christ-centered educational environment where every student is valued and encouraged to reach his or her God-given potential. While we are a small private school and do not operate a formal special education program, we strive to serve students with disabilities and unique learning needs to the extent that our resources and staffing allow.

Because of our small class sizes, teachers are able to provide individualized attention and monitor student progress closely. When appropriate, the school may provide reasonable accommodations and instructional supports, including:

Preferential seating

Extended time for classroom assignments and assessments

Modified assignments, when appropriate

Individual or small-group instruction

Frequent teacher check-ins and academic support

Flexible instructional strategies to address various learning styles

Testing in a quieter environment, when available

Organizational and study skill support

Collaboration with parents regarding student progress and learning needs

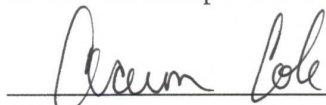
The school reviews each applicant individually to determine whether we can appropriately meet the student's educational needs while maintaining the integrity of our academic program. We work collaboratively with parents to identify reasonable accommodations that can be effectively implemented within our educational setting.

Our goal is to provide a caring, structured, and encouraging learning environment where students can grow academically, socially, spiritually, and emotionally.

I verify that Covenant Community School complies with all the criteria listed

NAME OF PRIVATE SCHOOL

above and will provide documentation for each as proof. The information I have provided to the OSDE is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.



SIGNATURE

08/05/2026

DATE

How to Submit the Private School Application to participate in the LNH Scholarship

1. Save each criterion as an individual PDF, labeling them as "Criteria 1," "Criteria 2," and so on.
2. Email the complete application, along with all required PDF attachments to

stacy.eden@sde.ok.gov. You may also contact Stacy at (405) 521-4876.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE



**AMENDED NOT FOR PROFIT
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION**

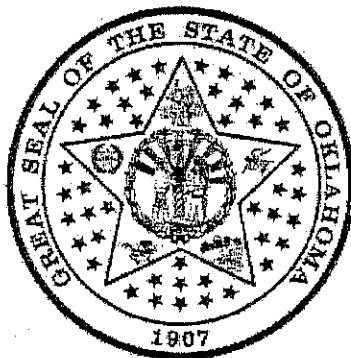
WHEREAS, the Amended Not For Profit Certificate of Incorporation of

COVENANT COMMUNITY

has been filed in the office of the Secretary of State as provided by the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

NOW THEREFORE, I, the undersigned, Secretary of State of the State of Oklahoma, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this certificate evidencing such filing.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma.



*Filed in the city of Oklahoma City this
6th day of April, 2010.*

M. Susan Savage

Secretary of State

2025-2026 Covenant Community School Calendar

Criteria 1: Fiscal Soundness

July 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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27	28	29	30	31		

August 2025						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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September 2025						
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October 2025						
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November 2025						
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December 2025						
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July						

August						
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- 5 Elementary Open House
- 7 MS/HS Open House
- 11-13* Professional Days
- 14 First Day of School

September						
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- 1 Labor Day - No School
- 23&25 Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 26 Professional Day - No School

October						
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- 15 End of 1st Quarter
- 15 Elementary Field Trip - Noon Dismissal
- 16&17 Fall Break
- 20 Beginning of 2nd Quarter

November						
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- 10 Prof'l Day - No School (ACTS Conference)
*Subject to change when conf. date is finalized)
- 24-28 Thanksgiving Break - No School

December						
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- 19 End of 2nd Quarter
- 22 - Jan 2nd Christmas Break

January 2026						
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February 2026						
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March 2026						
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April 2026						
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May 2026						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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June 2026						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

January						
5	Beginning of 3rd Quarter					
19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School					

February						
3&5	Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences					
6	Professional Day - No School					
16	President's Day - No School					

March						
6	End of 3rd Quarter					
9	Beginning of 4th Quarter					
16-20	Spring Break					

April						
3	Good Friday - No School					
6	Easter Monday - No School					
28-30	Testing					

May						
1	Teacher Work Day - No School					
21	Last Day of School - Awards					

Days:	
Quarter 1: 43	Quarter 3: 42
Quarter 2: 39	Quarter 4: 46
Total Instructional Days: 170	
Professional Days: 6	
Total Days:	176

Covenant Community School Non-discrimination policy.

CCS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin in the admission of students and/or the hiring of faculty and staff.

*Excerpt taken from Section 1 of the 2026-2027 Covenant Community School Student/Parent Handbook

Covenant Community School Educational Requirements for Teaching Staff

Classroom teachers shall hold a degree applicable to the area of study they will be teaching or obtain alternate certification on the condition that during the time of their employment they are working toward completing their degree.

All classroom teachers will obtain certification with A.C.T.S., regardless of their certification with any other organization.

*Excerpt taken from Section 2 – Employee Policies, Subsection – Conditions of Employment of the Covenant Community School Staff Manual

Certificate of Accreditation

Awarded to:

Covenant Community School

4621 Territory Ln., Stillwater, OK 74075

Grades: PreK3 through 12

*Based on recommendation through peer evaluation, Accredited Status is conferred
by the ACTS Accreditation Commission for successful completion of the requirements for accreditation.*

*Compliance is measured annually through continued membership and
submission of the ACTS Continuous Accreditation Report.*

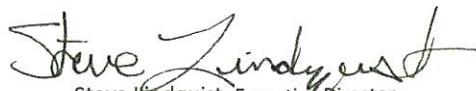
Evaluation for re-accreditation is to be completed prior to date of expiration.

December 10, 2025

Date of Accreditation

June 30, 2032

Date of Expiration


Steve Lindquist, Executive Director

ACTS
ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN
TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS


Jon Aultman, Director of Accreditation