

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONSENT AGENDA ITEM
July 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Private School Re-Licensing

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the re-licensing for a two-year period of:

- Sierra Lutheran High School, Douglas County
- Desert Torah Academy, Clark County
- Lion and Lamb Christian School, Washoe County
- Innovation Academy, Clark 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 Program Professional verifies that the statutory and regulatory requirements are met. The Nevada State Board of Education approves the issuing of each private school license.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Private School Analysis

School Name: Sierra Lutheran High School

Background: Sierra Lutheran High School provides one-on-one instruction in a family oriented Christian setting. SLHS students are known for their renaissance involvement in co-curricular activities ranging across the arts, athletics, academic competition, and student government. Sierra Lutheran places the highest percentage of graduates in college of any high school in the greater Carson City area. A strong sense of community – and focus on creating opportunities for every student – makes Sierra Lutheran an ideal choice for families who want an individualized education for their child.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Sierra Lutheran High School for two years, July 1, 2021- July 31, 2023. Sierra Lutheran High School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 3601 Romans Road, Carson City, NV 89703 (located in Douglas County)

Ownership: Sierra Lutheran High School Association

Insurance:

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

Enrollment: 124 grades 9-12

Educational Staff: 11

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

School Name: Desert Torah Academy

Background: Desert Torah Academy was founded on the principles of Chabad philosophy, which is a way of life that integrates the love of God, intellectual knowledge and understanding of the Torah, and the appreciation of the uniqueness of every individual of the community. The administration and staff implement this philosophy in all areas of Judaic and general studies while fostering a supportive environment for all students. By empowering the head, heart and soul, a Desert Torah Academy education provides students with knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to be successful and to become members of contemporary society.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Desert Torah Academy for an exemption license for two years, July 31, 2021- July 31, 2023. Desert Torah Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 1312 Vista Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89102

Ownership: Chabad of Southern Nevada

Insurance:

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

Enrollment: 220 grades K-8

Educational Staff: 15

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Lion and Lamb Christian School

Background: Lion and Lamb has created a dynamic environment that supports development of the whole child. The school focuses on social, emotional, academic, and spiritual development. They have multiple classes for each age group to best serve every learning style. The school's philosophy is built upon two aspects. 1) Playbased – belief in socialization as an important aspect of a child's education. Play stimulates imagination, creates opportunities for positive interaction, and is essential to providing a vivid and vital childhood. The school focuses on the process of play, not the product. 2) Christian values - Biblical stories and principles are incorporated into the curriculum to develop Christian standards and values, which leads the goal of laying the foundations a child needs to have a love for education for years to come.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Lion and Lamb Christian School for two years, July 31, 2021 - July 31, 2023. Lion and Lamb Christian School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 1220 Robb Drive, Reno, NV 89523

Ownership: Grace Church

Insurance:

Comstock Insurance Agency underwritten by Accord Insurance for liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Enrollment: 18, Kindergarten

Educational Staff: 2

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Innovation Academy

Background: Innovation Academy are a Montessori-based elementary school that incorporates Nation-leading, S.T.E.M. based curriculum. This helps to develop well-rounded critical thinking students, prepared for tomorrow's challenges. Innovation Academy embraces the unique individuality and natural curiosity of every student. The school integrates a broad variety of proven teaching and learning styles with nationally approved Common Core standards to provide a solid foundation for students to grow from-as people, and as students.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Innovation Academy for four years, May 15, 2021 - May 15, 2025. Innovation Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 5705 North Rainbow Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89130

Ownership: Maggie Bray

Insurance:

United States Liability Insurance and Great American Assurance Company for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Enrollment: 65, Kindergarten-grade 8

Educational Staff: 4

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

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SUBJECT: Private School Provision License

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the provisional licensing for a two-year period of:

- The PREP School of South Meadows, Washoe County

BACKGROUND:

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Private School Analysis

School Name: The PREP School of South Meadows

Background: The PREP School of South Meadows is a Texas based franchise with eight campuses that currently offer Kindergarten. This will be the first out-of-state school. The PREP School opened a private pre-school in 2020 and is expanding to include Kindergarten. The PREP School provides the highest level of early childhood education in a safe and secure environment that nurtures each child's individual needs. The school's emergent learning approach allows for children to develop a love of learning. Children learn as a result of their own doing-through actions, relationships, inquiries, opportunities, and repetition.

The PREP School encourages learning, exploration, imagination and creativity-all with the end goal of ensuring the child is more prepared emotionally, physically, socially, and intellectually for the next chapter in early life.

In addition to academic curriculum, school offers Spanish, Yoga, journal writing, Etiquette, STEM, Art Studio, keyboarding, music and cooking class.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the provisional licensing of The PREP School of South Meadows for two years, July 31, 2021 – July 31, 2023. The PREP School of South Meadows has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 780 Sandhill Road, Reno, Nevada 89521

Ownership: Andrea Kramis, representing Auret Kramis Learning Corporation

Insurance:

Depositors Insurance Company for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

Enrollment: Anticipated 17, Kindergarten

Educational Staff: To be determined based on enrollment

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

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SUBJECT: Private School license operational change

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Change of Operator for the remaining period of the current license August 1, 2020-August 30, 2022:

- Rite of Passage Charter High School-Sierra Sage Academy, Douglas County, operated now by Rite of Passage Adolescent Treatment Centers and Schools Inc.

COMPLAINT STATUS: There are no complaints on file.

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