

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONSENT AGENDA ITEM
September 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Private School Re-Licensing

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the renewal of license for:

- Excel Christian School, Washoe County
- St. Nicholas Orthodox Academy, Washoe County
- Lake Tahoe School, Washoe County
- Our Lady of the Snow, Washoe County
- Grace Christian Academy, Douglas County
- Green Valley Christian School, 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: Excel Christian School, Washoe County

Background: Excel Christian School is a non-profit, religious, faith-based ministry that promotes and provides for quality education, wherein students find joy in the pursuit of spiritual, moral, relational, and academic excellence, through the establishment and maintenance of private, non-denominational Christian schools and activities. Our students are taught to follow behavioral rules as they make the transition to manifesting the fruits of the Spirit from within. Our teachers and staff actively motivate students to find joy in developing a life of righteousness, as they themselves model a life of joyful righteousness.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Excel Christian School for two years, June 15, 2021- June 30, 2023. Excel Christian School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 850 Baring Boulevard, Sparks, Nevada 89434

Ownership: Lisa Cross

Insurance:

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

Enrollment: 196, Pre-K-Grade 12

Educational Staff: 28

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

School Name: St. Nicholas Orthodox Academy, Washoe County

Background: St. Nicholas Orthodox Academy is inspired by the life and example of Father Kosmas Aitolos, who urged the Orthodox Christians of his time to build schools so that their children could learn about the faith and be well-grounded in the life of the Church, our goal is to support Orthodox Christian learning at every stage, whether in early childhood, middle school or high school, and beyond, by delivering not just courses for curious minds but also He Who is Living Water to thirsty souls.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of St. Nicholas Orthodox Academy for an exemption license for two years, September 30, 2021-September 30, 2023. St. Nicholas Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 4181 Caughlin Parkway, Reno, Nevada 89519

Ownership: Janet Cummings

Insurance:

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

Enrollment: 8, Kindergarten-Grade 12

Educational Staff: 8

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Lake Tahoe School, Washoe County

Background: The Lake Tahoe School has the qualities of a well-qualified faculty and staff, facilities that enhance the learning process, an ongoing devotion to improvement, and more. The commitment to the students and families begins the moment they join the school community and is exercised every day in the classrooms and learning-related activities. The faculty and staff share not only their years of experience and expertise, they also have a deep and abiding passion for working with students to help them reach their highest potential. As you visit our campus, you quickly note that it is one built for students – from dedicated classrooms and labs, to the age-appropriate play areas and soon to be completed Athletic and Performing Arts Center. The simple beauty of the setting amidst the pines and mountainous backdrop only enhances the Lake Tahoe School learning experience.

Despite all of these positive aspects of the educational process at Lake Tahoe School, the highest commitment is reserved for fulfillment of the school’s mission: to nurture a lifelong love of learning while developing critical thinkers and articulate, confident leaders for the 21st century. At Lake Tahoe School, “being and doing” what we say we are is our constant focus. As a result, the students from Pre-K through grade eight are each afforded the very best education that the area has to offer.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Lake Tahoe School for two years, May 30, 2021 – May 30, 2023. Lake Tahoe School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 995 Tahoe Boulevard, Incline Village, Nevada 89451

Ownership: Robert Graves

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

Enrollment: 185, Pre-K-Grade 8

Educational Staff: 29

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Our Lady of the Snows Catholic School, Washoe County

Background: Inspired by the Catholic Faith, Our Lady of the Snows School guides and nurtures the students to become young leaders who love God, love learning and love their neighbor. The staff, students and parents have worked hard to build a community that is a true reflection of the Catholic faith. Our Lady of the Snows is a school that welcomes all and serves all. They strive to create a learning environment that recognizes the whole child and works to meet the unique needs of each student so that all who come are encouraged to meet their highest potential. Our Lady of the Snows is also a school of service. Inspired by the charism story, the students of Our Lady of the Snows school learn to honor God by serving others. The focus on compassion, inclusion, integrity and personal achievement create a learning environment that is unparalleled in the community.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic School for an exemption license for two years, October 1, 2021-October 1, 2023. Our Lady of the Snows Catholic School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 1125 Lander Street, Reno, Nevada 89509

Ownership: Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Parish and Diocese of Reno

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

Enrollment: 345, Kindergarten-Grade 8

Educational Staff: 15

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Grace Christian Academy, Douglas County

Background: Grace Christian Academy is committed to providing an education that is academically rigorous and grounded in Scripture with a Biblical world view. The school's goal is to raise up leaders who can think clearly and concisely, and express themselves in matters of both faith and life. Grace Christian Academy's plan to accomplish this goal is based on three principles.

1. The first principle is complete submission to the Lord Jesus Christ. The staff believes that God's character is revealed in His Word and every facet of creation. All knowledge is interrelated and can instruct us about God himself. Therefore, all subjects are taught as a part of an integrated whole with Christ at the center.
2. The second principle is to base the curriculum on the classical model of the Trivium, where the child receives rigorous instruction in the grammar of all subjects, the logic of such subjects, and the way such subjects may be presented in an elegant, persuasive, and appealing manner. This is performed at the three educational development stages of the child. The school also emphasizes the grammar, logic, and rhetoric of each subject, in a proportion that gives full consideration to the age and abilities of the student.
3. Thirdly, the Bible clearly instructs parents to "bring children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Therefore, under the delegation of the family, the school seeks to teach and discipline in a manner consistent with the Bible and to ensure that the parental authority over the education of their children is respected and reinforced. This can only be accomplished through direct parental involvement in Grace Christian Academy.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Grace Christian Academy for an exempt license for two years, September 30, 2021 – September 30, 2023. Grace Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 2320 Heybourne Road, Minden, Nevada 89423

Ownership: Grace Christian Academy

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

Enrollment: 55, Kindergarten-Grade 8

Educational Staff: 7

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Green Valley Christian School, Clark County

Background: The purpose at Green Valley Christian School is to serve our Lord by providing the community with the best Christian education. The school is committed to maintaining the best learning environment to nurture a child's spiritual growth and social development.

Green Valley Christian School is also a ministry of Green Valley Christian Center. Green Valley Christian School has two passionate goals:

- The first goal is to be the best Christian school in the United States. This is at the heart of everything that the school does.
- The second goal is to provide a loving and nurturing environment that will challenge children to achieve their emotional, spiritual and academic best.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve the re-licensing of Green Valley Christian School for an exempt license for two years, October 31, 2021 – October 31, 2023. Green Valley Christian School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 711 Valle Verde Court, Henderson, Nevada 89014

Ownership: Green Valley Christian Center

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

Enrollment: 546, Kindergarten-Grade 12

Educational Staff: 81

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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SUBJECT: Private School Change of School Name

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the change of school name described below.

Nevada Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists currently are licensed to run two schools in Clark County: Las Vegas Junior Academy and Abundant Life Christian Academy. They have requested a change to combine the two schools under a single name. The address, ownership, and license will remain unchanged.

Prior names and addresses of the schools:

- Las Vegas Junior Academy: 6059 W. Oakey Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89146
- Abundant Life Christian Academy: 1720 N. J Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106

Requested new name of school:

- Vegas Valley Adventist School
 - Address: 6059 W. Oakey Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89146
 - Grades served: Kindergarten-Grade 12
 - License will go through renewal in October 2021

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