

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONSENT AGENDA ITEM**

October 6, 2022

SUBJECT: Private School Renewal License

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the licensing for a two-year period for:

- Ateres Bnos Ita, Clark County
- Capstone Christian Academy, Clark County
- Community Christian Academy, Nye County
- Foothills Church Academy, Washoe County
- Lake Mead Christian Academy, Clark County
- Liberty Baptist Academy, Clark County
- Reno Christian Fellowship, King's Kids, Washoe County
- Rite of Passage Charter High School, Douglas County
- The King's Academy, Washoe County
- Temple Beth Shalom, Clark County
- The Church at Reno Christian Academy, Washoe County
- University Baptist Academy, Clark County
- Word of Life Christian Academy, Clark County

Approve the licensing for a four-year period for:

- Faith Lutheran Middle School and High School, Clark County
- Southern Highlands Preparatory School, Clark County
- The Meadows School, Clark County
- Trinity International Schools, 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 Programs Professional verifies that the statutory and regulatory requirements are met. The Nevada State Board of Education approves the issuing of a private school license.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Private School Analysis

School Name: Ateres Bnos Ita, Clark County

Background: Ateres Bnos Ita is committed to providing an excellent education in an environment of warmth, love, and growth to the high school girls in the community by teaching both Judaic and secular preparatory classes that inspire students to pursue personal growth, higher education, and to be leaders in their communities. Students also commit to a life built on values of the Torah. There are mandates of community services hours as part of the graduation requirements.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Ateres Bnos Ita for a license for two years from October 31, 2022, through October 31, 2024. Ateres Bnos Ita has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 1401 Hillshire Dr, Las Vegas, Nevada 89134

Ownership: Ateras Bnos Ita

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

Enrollment: 34 students, Grades 9-12

Educational Staff: 10

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Capstone Christian Academy, Clark County

Background: Capstone Christian Academy is committed to providing students with a premiere, cutting-edge education, in a safe, nurturing environment rooted in Christian values. The mission of the school is to develop world changing leaders. The school fosters natural curiosity in students, which in turn, develops critical thinking skills along with their core academics. The school currently has a K-12 license although it currently serves grades K-3. It plans on adding one grade per year until the school population reaches to grade 12.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Capstone Christian Academy for a license for two years from October 31, 2022, through October 31, 2024. Capstone Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 985 E. Serene Avenue. Las Vegas, Nevada 89123

Ownership: Capstone Christian Academy

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

Enrollment: 103 students, Grades K-3

Educational Staff: 5

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Community Christian Academy, Nye County

Background: Community Christian Academy has served the community of Pahrump for 25 years. The school aims to provide academic excellence in a safe, stable, and Christian environment and to give encouragement and spiritual direction to the families of their students. Experiential learning is a large part of the service delivery. Each class takes two field trips a year. The school uses the Abeka curriculum. Although there are no religious qualifications established for enrolling students, part of the mission of the school is to “glorify God in all things and to lead children to a saving and growing knowledge of Jesus Christ.”

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Community Christian Academy for a license for two years from October 31, 2022, through October 31, 2024. Community Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 1061 E. Wilson Road, Pahrump, Nevada 89048

Ownership: Pahrump Community Church

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

Enrollment: 135 students, Grades K-10

Educational Staff: 13

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Foothills Church Academy, Washoe County

Background: The goal of Foothills Church Academy is “to provide a combination of academic, life-skills, and scriptural studies that will prepare students to tackle all the challenges of life.” The school endeavors to provide challenging academics in a respectful environment that will teach students to set high standards and view education as a blessing. The school utilizes the Alpha Omega Curriculum which allows students to build a strong educational foundation with no gaps in their content knowledge. The school also utilizes LIFEPAC, a Christian school worktext curriculum with Bible-based content, which is also founded in the idea of teaching to mastery.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Foothills Church Academy for a license for two years from October 31, 2022, through October 31, 2024. Foothills Church Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 14770 Chamy Drive, Reno, Nevada, 89521

Ownership: Foothills Church of Christ

Insurance: Continental Casualty Insurance Company liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Foothills Church Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Enrollment: 33 students, Grades K-12

Educational Staff: 3

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Lake Mead Christian Academy, Clark County

Background: Lake Mead Christian Academy welcomes a culture of parent involvement, teaming with staff to create a nurturing environment in which students can carve a path for success. The school seeks to develop the whole student through academic, social, and spiritual growth. The secondary school, grades 7-12, is focused on academic programs that prepare students for post-secondary education. In the last decade, an average of 90 to 95 percent of LMCA graduates entered college their first year after graduating. The school offers advanced placement classes, dual credit classes, honors classes and college preparation activities. Once a week, students and staff come together in the chapel to worship in a fun and age-appropriate setting. Students participate in several enrichment opportunities and engage in academic competitions such as their Spelling Bee, Math Olympics, Speech Meet, and Creative Writing.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Lake Mead Christian Academy for a license for two years from October 31, 2022, through October 31, 2024. Lake Mead Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements

Address: 540 East Lake Mead Pkwy, Henderson, Nevada 89015

Ownership: Lake Mead Christian Ministries

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

Enrollment: 787 students, Grades K-12

Educational Staff: 70

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Liberty Baptist Academy Clark County

Background: The mission of Liberty Baptist Academy is to “equip leaders, train believers, and produce achievers for the cause of Jesus Christ.” Liberty Baptist strives to provide students with a first-class academic education utilizing the Abeka curriculum to attain superior academic achievement. Abeka begins with helping students in kindergarten read at an early age and builds strong skills in reading comprehension, composition, vocabulary and knowledge of English literature for the older students. The school is accredited through Cognia, formerly AdvancEd.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Liberty Baptist Academy for a license for two years from October 31, 2022, through October 31, 2024. Liberty Baptist Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements

Address: 6501 West Lake Mead Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108

Ownership: Liberty Baptist Church of Las Vegas

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

Enrollment: 172 students, Grades K-12

Educational Staff: 13

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Reno Christian Fellowship, King's Kids, Washoe County

Background: The staff at Reno Christian Fellowship partners with parents “to reach and teach kids and give them a place to belong.” The kindergarten program aims to provide a solid academic foundation that is stimulating, nurturing and developmentally appropriate. so student are well-prepared to move onto the first grade. The enriched kindergarten curriculum promotes the development of each child’s total potential, including physical, intellectual, social and spiritual characteristics.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Reno Christian Fellowship, King’s Kids for a license for two years from October 31, 2022, through October 31, 2024. Reno Christian Fellowship, King’s Kids has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements

Address: 1700 Zolezzi Lane, Reno, Nevada 89511

Ownership: Reno Christian Fellow Ministry

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

Enrollment: 16 students, Kindergarten

Educational Staff: 4

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Rite of Passage Charter High School, Douglas County

Background: Rite of Passage Charter High School in Minden, Nevada has traditionally educated students who are entered into the Rite of Passage Treatment Center. Currently it has no students enrolled in the school, but authorities would like to renew the license in case the population grows. Currently those enrolled in the treatment center are attending school at a county charter school. The school will notify NDE once they have students enrolled.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Rite of Passage Charter High School for a license for two years from October 31, 2022, through October 31, 2024. The Rite of Passage Charter High School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 2560 Business Parkway, Suite B

Ownership: Rite of Passage Adolescent Treatment Centers and Schools, Inc.

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

Enrollment: 0 students, Grades 8-12

Educational Staff: 0

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: The King's Academy, Washoe County

Background: The mission at King's Academy is "to raise up the next generation of servant leaders through an exceptional Christ-center education." Its vision is "to empower The King Academy graduates to impact their communities with the truth of King Jesus. Their compassion, wisdom, and love for learning will bring gospel-centered transformation to Northern Nevada." The school incorporates experiential learning. There is a cooking through history class that allows students to learn to cook dishes that have been around for decades and sometimes centuries. The school has a parent-teacher fellowship to help facilitate communication, meetings, and help plan events and activities.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve The King's Academy for a license for two years from October 31, 2022, through October 31, 2024. The King's Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements

Address: 3195 Everett Drive, Reno, Nevada 89503

Ownership: Schools of Sierra Bible Church

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

Enrollment: 90 students, Grades K-8

Educational Staff: 11

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Temple Beth Shalom, Clark County

Background: Temple Beth Shalom utilizes Creative Curriculum for Kindergarten, which emphasizes learning through experience and exploration. The curriculum incorporates core subjects of math and language arts as well as social studies, science, technology, and the arts. The program adheres to Common Core State Standards/Nevada Academic Content Standards. The school is starting out with eight students this year and one teacher but has the capacity for up to 16 students and another teacher.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Temple Beth Shalom for a license for two years from October 31, 2022, through October 31, 2024. Temple Beth Shalom has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements

Address: 10700 Havenwood, Las Vegas, Nevada 89135

Ownership: Temple Beth Shalom

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

Enrollment: 8 students, Kindergarten

Educational Staff: 1

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: The Church at Reno Christian Academy, Washoe County

Background: The Church at Reno Christian Academy was established in 1979 as The Church Academy, a ministry of the church at Reno. Its goal is “to educate students in an atmosphere that promotes learning of a spiritual, moral, and academic nature.” The school teaches to mastery using the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum. Learning is individualized so students can work at their own pace. Students take diagnostic assessments for placement; those who excel in their work may advance at a faster pace. Learners who need to take more time move forward at a pace that allows them to absorb the material. The school uses the Stanford 10 Achievement Test to assure students are making sufficient progress.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve The Church at Reno Christian Academy for a license for two years from October 31, 2022, through October 31, 2024. The Church at Reno Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements

Address: 1205 N. McCarran Boulevard, Reno, Nevada 89512

Ownership: The Church at Reno

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

Enrollment: 24 students, Grades K-12

Educational Staff: 7

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: University Baptist Academy, Clark County

Background: University Baptist Academy opened its doors in 1993 as a school for the children of its members. It has been operating as a ministry of First Spanish Baptist Church since then. The school uses the Common Core State Standards and Nevada Content Standards as the basis of its curriculum. Students in grades K-12 study all required subjects as well as Spanish, Communications, Foundations of Life, and the Bible.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve University Baptist Academy for a license for two years from October 31, 2022, through October 31, 2024. University Baptist Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements

Address: 3770 West Washburn Road, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89031

Ownership: First Spanish Baptist Church

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

Enrollment: 69 students, Grades K-12

Educational Staff: 5

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Word of Life Christian Academy, Clark County

Background: Word of Life Christian Academy was founded in 1999. Its mission is to provide academic excellence in a Christian environment. The elementary classroom sizes consist of 20 students with two full-time employees. Middle school and high school students learn in block schedules. The high school is college preparatory beyond the requirements set by the state of Nevada. High school students are also encouraged to serve in the community.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Word of Life Christian Academy for a license for two years from September 30, 2022, through September 30, 2024. Word of Life Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 3510 North Buffalo Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89129

Ownership: Word of Life Christian Center

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

Enrollment: 260 students, Grades K-12

Educational Staff: 20

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Faith Lutheran Middle School and High School, Clark County

Background: Faith Lutheran Middle School and High School is the largest non-public school in Nevada. The school was founded in 1979 and is affiliated with Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. Faith Lutheran is accredited by Cognia, formerly AdvancEd and through National Lutheran Schools Accreditation, which awarded the school with “Exemplary School Status.” The school is college prep and offers students the opportunity to earn college credit or have introductory courses waved through Advanced Placement courses. Faith Lutheran offers honors level courses as well. In recent years, 98 percent of the school’s graduates enrolled in colleges or universities.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Faith Lutheran Middle School and High School for a license of four years from October 31, 2022, through October 31, 2026. Faith Lutheran Middle School and High School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 2015 South Hualapai Way, Las Vegas, Nevada 89117

Ownership: Lutheran Secondary School Association of Clark County, Nevada

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

Enrollment: 2,050 students, Grades 6-12

Educational Staff: 139

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: Southern Highlands Preparatory School, Clark County

Background: Southern Highlands Preparatory Academy has been serving students in the Las Vegas valley since 2003. The school endeavors to provide a private school education for the whole child by establishing a safe, supportive learning environment in which teachers focus on the strengths and learning styles of each child. Elementary and middle school students learn through a rigorous, standards-based curriculum with experiences that develop 21st century skills such as creativity, collaboration and communication. The school features Giving Without Walls service projects in which students can apply what they've learned to community projects that benefit those in need.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Southern Highlands Preparatory Academy for a license for two years from October 31, 2022, through October 31, 2026. Southern Highlands Preparatory Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements

Address: 11500 Southern Highlands Pkwy, Las Vegas, Nevada 89141

Ownership: Spring Education Group

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

Enrollment: 312 students, Grades K-8

Educational Staff: 21

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

Private School Analysis

School Name: The Meadows School, Clark County

Background: The Meadows School was founded in 1984 by Board President Carolyn Goodman and Dr. LeOre Cobbley and a group of parents. The school is reported to be the first non-sectarian K-12 college preparatory schools in Nevada. The Meadows School campus houses over 240,000 square feet of state-of-the-art facilities. The school places high value on academic rigor; teachers inspire students by promoting independent thinking, problem-solving and continual growth. Since the first graduating class in 1991, 100 percent of Meadows graduates have been accepted to four-year colleges and universities. The Meadows School is accredited by Cognia.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Faith Lutheran Middle School and High School for a license of four years from September 30, 2022, through September 30, 2026. Faith Lutheran Middle School and High School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Address: 8601 Scholars Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128

Ownership: The Meadows School

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

Enrollment: 932 students, Grades K-12

Educational Staff: 88

Complaint Status: No complaints on file

Private School Analysis

School Name: Trinity International School, Clark County

Background: Trinity International School was founded in 1978 as Trinity Christian School by Trinity Temple. Today, it is an independent, nonprofit educational school delivering “excellent education coupled with virtues.” The middle school focuses on teaching students to become “self-directed learners who make meaningful and deliberate choices on how to profit from their educational opportunities.” The teachers work to stimulate inquiry and acquisition of knowledge. The high school prepares students for leadership by building intellectual competence and social emotional intelligence that fosters personal growth and ultimately motivates students to serve the needs of others. Students are involved in a variety of classroom activities and challenges as well as group projects associated with community service.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Trinity International School for a license for two years from October 1, 2022, through October 1, 2026. Trinity International School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements

Address: 4141 Meadows Lane, Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Ownership: Trinity Education Foundation

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

Enrollment: 63 students, Grades 6-12

Educational Staff: 9

Complaint Status: No complaints on file.

SUBJECT: Private Schools Adjusted License

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve four-year licenses for the following schools.

- Bethlehem Lutheran School, Carson City
- Faith Christian Academy, Douglas 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 a private school license. Most private schools are approved for a license for two years; however, NRS 394.251 allows a school to be licensed for four years after it has been in operation for four years. Both Bethlehem Lutheran School and Faith Christian Academy meet that requirement. These licenses were previously approved by the State Board of Education at the July 7, 2022 meeting for two years.

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Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Bethlehem Lutheran School for a license for four years from July 31, 2022, through July 31, 2026. Bethlehem Lutheran School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements and has no verified complaints against it. Bethlehem Lutheran School was approved for a two-year license by the State Board of Education at its meeting on July 7, 2022. The request for the two-year license was submitted in error. It was approved in the previous cycle for a four-year license, which was effective July 16, 2018, through July 31, 2022. Bethlehem Lutheran School is located at 1837 Mountain Street in Carson City, Nevada.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board approve Faith Christian Academy for a license for four years from July 31, 2022, through July 31, 2026. Faith Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements and has no verified complaints against it. Faith Christian Academy was approved for a two-year license at the board's meeting on June 2, 2022. The request for the two-year license was submitted in error. The school had been approved for four-year licenses in the past. Its last license was in effect from July 25, 2018, through July 31, 2022. Faith Christian Academy is located at 1004 Dresslerville in Gardnerville, Nevada.