

SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

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Accreditation Information

This bulletin contains information on meeting the accreditation requirement under Wis. Stat. § 115.7915(2)(c) and Wis. Admin. Code § PI 49. Under Wis. Admin. Code § PI 49.03(6), the accreditation letter, from the accreditation agency, must be submitted by **August 1 annually** and may not be dated any earlier than July 1 of that school year.

The accreditation letter must include all of the following information:

- The private school's name;
- The private school's address for each location included in the accreditation;
- The grades accredited;
- Signature by an authorized member of the accrediting agency; and
- Indication that the private school is currently accredited.

The grades that a Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) school is accredited for must include all of the grades available for SNSP students as indicated on the Intent to Participate form and if applicable, the updated School Information Update form. A SNSP school cannot have SNSP students in grades that it is not accredited for by a statutorily approved accreditation agency.

The following is a list of the statutorily approved accreditation agencies: Wisconsin North Central Association; the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation; the Independent Schools Association of the Central States; Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation; Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools; National Lutheran School Accreditation; Christian Schools International; Association of Christian Schools International; the diocese or archdiocese within which the private school is located; or any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Association of Christian Schools International

4081 N Perryville Road Loves Park, IL 61111 815.282.7070 https://www.acsi.org/

Christian Schools International

3350 East Paris Ave SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512 800-635-8288 616-957-1070 www.csionline.org

Independent Schools Association of the Central States

55 West Wacker Drive Suite 701 Chicago, IL 60601 312-750-1190 www.isacs.org

National Council for Private School Accreditation

PO Box 13686 Seattle, WA 98198 http://www.ncpsa.org/

National Lutheran School Accreditation

LCMS School Ministry 1333 S. Kirkwood Rd. St. Louis, MO 63122 1-800-248-1930, ext 1292 https://www.lcms.org/schools

The Diocese or Archdiocese within which the school is located

Listing of all Dioceses: http://www.usccb.org/about/bishops-and-

Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools

1840 Bond Street Green Bay, WI 54303 920-499-5561 www.wacschools.org

dioceses/all-dioceses.cfm.

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation

N16 W23377 Stone Ridge Drive Waukesha, WI 53188 414-256-3221 http://welsrc.net/

Wisconsin North Central Association

1515 Burnt Boat Drive Suite C #344 Bismarck, ND 58503 1-888-413-3669 ext. 5754 (Regional Office) www.advanc-ed.org

Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation

P.O. Box 685 Muskego, WI 53150 262-895-3679 www.wrisa.net

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