



JOY HOFMEISTER

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

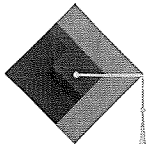
FROM: Joy Hofmeister

DATE: August 24, 2017

SUBJECT: Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

Eagle Point Christian Academy (EPCA) requests approval to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program. They are accredited through the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission (OPSAC). EPCA has a highly-qualified, state-certified special education teacher on staff, as well as, educational therapists certified through the National Institute for Learning Differences (NILD). Students are provided with testing services, classroom accommodation and tutorial services as needed. EPCA was established in 1982, and continues to serve families of local communities with a high-quality, faith-based education.

JH/se



Eagle Point Christian Academy

K-12

NAME OF PRIVATE SCHOOL

GRADE LEVELS

602 S. Mounds

Sapulpa

OK

74066-5134

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

918-227-2441

www.epca.net

PHONE NUMBER

WEBSITE ADDRESS

Jim Pryor, Principal

SUPERINTENDENT, HEAD-MASTER OR PRINCIPAL NAME

Rhonda L. White, Assistant Principal

rwhite@epca.net

LNH CONTACT PERSON

CONTACT EMAIL

The Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship Act requires, in part, that the private school desiring to participate must demonstrate/identify certain criteria prior to being approved. The State Department of Education shall approve a private school as eligible to participate in the scholarship program upon determination that the private school meets the following:

The private school must demonstrate fiscal soundness by having been in operation for one (1) year or providing the State Department of Education with a statement by a certified public accountant confirming that the private school desiring to participate 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 Department.

- YES** **NO** Does your school meet the financial requirements stated above?
- YES** **NO** Do you comply with the antidiscrimination provisions of 42 U.S.C., Section 2000d?
- YES** **NO** Do you meet state and local health and safety laws and codes?
- YES** **NO** Will you be academically accountable to the parent or legal guardian for meeting the educational needs of the student?
- YES** **NO** Do you 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?
- YES** **NO** Do you comply with all state laws relating to general regulation of private schools and adhere to the tenets of all published disciplinary procedures prior to the expulsion of a scholarship student?

The private school must meet the accreditation requirements set by the State Board of Education or another accrediting association approved by the State Board of Education.

Please list all accrediting information.

Eagle Point Christian Academy is accredited through the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission (OPSAC).

What services and support do you offer students with disabilities?

EPCA has a highly-qualified, state-certified special education teacher on staff, as well as, educational therapists certified through the National Institute for Learning Differences (NILD). One of these has a professional, level III license. Students are provided with testing services and classroom accommodations as needed. Remedial services available to students include Discovery (grades 2-12), Search-and-Teach (grades K-2), both endorsed by NILD, and tutorial services by subject. Faculty members are degreed and certified through ACSI and/or the Oklahoma State Dept. of Education. Individual education programs are developed, implemented, and reviewed annually to provide ongoing support to students and their parents.

Please list below any additional information you would like the State Board of Education to consider for adding your school to the list of approved private schools for the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship.

Eagle Point Christian Academy was established in 1982, and continues to serve the families of local communities with a high-quality, faith-based education. The average teacher/student ratio for class at EPCA is 1:8, enhancing the teacher's ability to provide more individual attention to all students. A dedicated and compassionate staff continue to search for ways to serve the children in our area, and the LNH scholarship will allow us to expand the opportunities we can provide for our families.

Several of our school families and faculty members are also foster-parents and or adoptive parents of children in the DHS system. These families may benefit from the expansion of services provided by the LNH scholarship. EPCA utilizes other community members who currently hold positions in the area of special education. Our mutual goal of stronger, healthier children will lead Oklahoma to become a stronger, healthier state.

The information I have provided the State Board of Education is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Jim Pryor, Administrator

8/9/2017

SIGNATURE

DATE