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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: January 26, 2017

SUBJECT: Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

St. John's Lutheran School requests approval to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program. St. John's Lutheran School is accredited through National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) and Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission (OPSAC). St. John's has been an accredited school for over fifteen years, and just this past year has been granted full re-accreditation by the NLSA, not to expire until 2023. They offer tutoring on an individual basis per child when needed. They offer small class sizes, no more than fifteen students per class.

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St. John's Lutheran School

Pre-K through 8th Grade

NAME OF PRIVATE SCHOOL

GRADE LEVELS

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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.

Nat'l Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) & Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission (OPSAC)

What services and support do you offer students with disabilities?

Small Classes. We do not have any class larger than fifteen students.
We also offer tutoring on an individual basis per child when needed.

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.

St. John's has been an accredited school for over fifteen years, and just this past year has been granted full re-accreditation by the NLSA, not to expire until 2023.

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

Mary Hope Alvarez
SIGNATURE

Dec 12, 16
DATE