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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

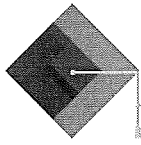
FROM: Joy Hofmeister

DATE: November 16, 2017

SUBJECT: Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

Victory Life Academy (VLA) requests approval to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program. They are accredited through AdvanceED and the International Christian Accrediting Association (ICAA). VLA offers students with disabilities specific services based on the needs of the students. VLA meets with the parents, looks over the incoming IEP or ISP, and decides how best to serve the student to the school's capability. VLA has small class sizes, a 12:1 teacher ratio, and a flexible schedule based on the needs of the students. VLA strives to meet the needs of students on an individual level at all possible to ensure their future success in their coursework.

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Victory Life Academy

PK-12

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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.

VLA holds Advanced Ed accreditation for the State of Oklahoma, and ICAA accreditation which is the International Christian Accrediting Association.

VLA is required to send reports and updates each year to maintain accreditation standards.

What services and support do you offer students with disabilities?

VLA offers students with disabilities specific services based on the needs of the students. VLA meets with the parents, looks over the incoming IEP or ISP, and decides how best to serve the student to the school's capability. Parents are always in the loop, and teachers are required to accommodate as needed for the students. Meetings are held for the students and parents, and updates are given accordingly.


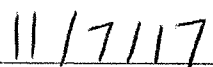
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VLA strives to meet the needs of students on an individual level at all possible to ensure their future success in their coursework. The teachers at VLA meet or exceed state standard requirements per accreditation.

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.

VLA is a small school that has been in operation since 1987. It has been accredited for over 20 years, and maintains academic standards that meet or exceed the surrounding school districts. VLA wants to serve students as best they can for their future success.

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

SIGNATURE

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