



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, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

**DATE:** October 22, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

Approval is requested for Lawton Christian School to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program. Lawton Christian School is an accredited private school through the Oklahoma Private School Accreditation Commission (OPSAC).

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# LAWTON CHRISTIAN School

To: Oklahoma State Board of Education

Date: August 21, 2015

Re: Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

Lawton Christian School is applying to become an approved school to take part in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship program.

Lawton Christian School is a member school of OPSAC. The purpose of the Oklahoma Private School Accrediting Commission is to assist the State Board of Education by assuring the educational quality and compliance with applicable rules of the Board by recognized, accredited private schools in the state.

Our goal at LCS is to continue to serve students with special needs in the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, and to be able to take part in the Lindsey Nicole Scholarship. For many years we have worked with Child Find to help LCS students who have special needs receive a quality education. We assess each student who wishes to attend our school to see if we can meet the needs. If we determine that we can help a child, then we work with the class teachers to modify the classwork to assure that the student receives the best possible education. Our certified teachers have "Helps" classes after school for one-on-one tutoring, and we have teachers and staff who help students with oral testing and class work when needed. We also have on staff a Special Ed teacher who is certified with the state of Oklahoma.

I am proud to say that due to our caring teachers and small class sizes over the past 39 years, we have a record of success in helping these students to achieve their life goals.

Patti W. Rhea

Superintendent and TUTOR

April 10, 2015



**AFFIDAVIT (Private School Compliance Statement)**  
Required Annually

I, Patti W. Rhea, swear and/or affirm under oath that:

1. I am the Superintendent (insert title) of Lawton Christian School (private school), a Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship Act approved private school.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ has been an approved private school for receipt of Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship funds since \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

3. Lawton Christian School (private school) is in compliance with state laws for the 2015-2016 school year, including but not limited to the following:

- ☒ Meets the accreditation requirement set by the State Board of Education or another accrediting association approved by the State Board of Education;
- ☒ Demonstrates fiscal soundness by having been in operation for (1) school year or providing the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) 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 reasonable expected;
- ☒ Complies with the antidiscrimination provisions of 42 U.S.C., Section 2000d;
- ☒ Meets state and local health and safety laws and codes;
- ☒ Will be academically accountable to the parent/legal guardian for meeting the educational needs of the student;
- ☒ Employs or contracts with teachers who hold baccalaureate or higher degrees, or have at least three (3) years of teaching experience in public or private schools, or have special skills, knowledge, or expertise that qualifies them to provide instruction in subjects taught;
- ☒ Complies with all state laws relating to general regulation of private schools; and
- ☒ Adheres to the tenet of its published disciplinary procedures prior to the expulsion of a scholarship student.

FURTHER, AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

DATE: July 15, 2015

Patti W. Rhea

Representative of Lawton Christian School

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015 by  
Patti W. Rhea



Donna Marie Lofton  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission No.: #15005426

My Commission Expires: June 11, 2019