



JANET BARRESI
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Janet C. Barresi *JCB*

DATE: August 27, 2014

SUBJECT: Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship

Approval is requested for Stonebridge Academy, an AdvancEd accredited private school that wishes to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry (LNH) Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program.

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Special Education Services



July 28, 2014

Oklahoma State Board of Education
Oliver Hodge Building
2500 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73104
Attn: Anita Eccard

Dear OSBE Members,

I am the Head of School at Stonebridge Academy in Okmulgee, OK. We are a private Pre-K through 8th grade school.

I would like to request the ability to offer the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship at Stonebridge. We are the only private school in Okmulgee and the surrounding area and would like to offer students with IEPs another option for their family.

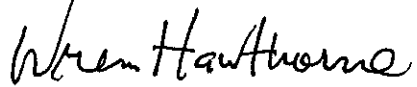
Currently we offer and/or coordinate a variety of services for our students with special needs, including:

- Assessment and services for any student referred by Stonebridge Faculty for Speech or Occupational Therapy.
- Behavioral health services available to families of Stonebridge at little or no cost through Creeks Behavioral Health Services.
- One-on-one assessment in personality, aptitudes and interests for students in grades 5 through 8 through an AmeriCorps Grant.
- Teacher training and support for students with Autism/Asperger.
- Student Improvement Plans tailored specifically to each student to address and help remediate any individual needs.
- One-on-one tutoring for students after school by teaching staff.
- Summer school program with individualize programs for students in math and reading.

In March the accreditation team from AdvancEd, visited our school. The team recommended to the National Board that we receive accreditation. The National Board met in June and officially granted our accreditation. I am including the accreditation certificate.

I would like to request that you certify our ability to accept the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wren Hawthorne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'W'.

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This is to certify that

Stone Bridge Academy

having met the requirements established by the AdvancED® Accreditation Commission and Board of Trustees is hereby accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement.

Valid Through June 30, 2019

Mark A. Elgart
Mark A. Elgart, Ed.D.
President and CEO, AdvancED

AFFIDAVIT (Private School Compliance Statement)
Required Annually

I, Wren Hawthorne, swear and/or affirm under oath that:

1. I am the Head of School (insert title) of Stonebridge Academy (private school), a Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship Act approved private school.

2. Stonebridge Academy has been an approved private school for receipt of Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship funds since August, 2014.

3. Stonebridge Academy (private school) is in compliance with state laws for the ~~2013-2014~~ 2014-15 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: 7/28/14

Wren Hawthorne

Representative of Stonebridge Academy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of July, 2014 by Wren Hawthorne.

Ricki L Ramsey

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My Commission No.: 06/28/18



My Commission Expires: _____