SUBJECT: Private School Licensing


BACKGROUND: Private education institutions are covered by Chapter 394 in both the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Nevada Administrative Code. The Private Schools Education Program Professional verifies that the statutory and regulatory requirements are met. The Nevada State Board of Education approves the issuing of each private school license.

Submitted By: Donna M. Wix, Education Program Professional for Private Schools, Opportunity Scholarship & ESSA Ombudsman
BACKGROUND: 
Merryhill School at Spanish Trail is an accredited K – 5 elementary school, where teachers ensure student mastery of the "basics”, but reach beyond to ask our students to question assumptions, make connections, engage in problem solving, and arrive at informed decisions. In addition, we emphasize fine arts, technology, music, foreign language, and physical education. Students wear school uniforms except on special days which are identified in the Monday Folders and student agendas.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the State Board approve the re-licensing of Merryhill School at Spanish Trail for the four year period: September 1, 2017 through September 1, 2021. Merryhill School at Spanish Trail has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements on time.

NAME: Merryhill School at Spanish Trail

ADDRESS: 5055 S. Durango Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89113

OWNERSHIP: Nobel Learning Communities, Inc.  
Foreign Corporation  
George Bernstein, President  Lee Bohs, Secretary

INSURANCE: The Addis Group  King of Prussia, PA
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least $1,000,000 per occurrence.
Surety Bond ~ $5,000  Western Surety Company

FINANCIAL STABILITY: Revenue: $1,844,224.00  Expenses: $1,732,219.00

WEB ADDRESS: Merryhill - Durango

ENROLLMENT: 132 Students, grades K - 5

EDUCATIONAL STAFF: 10 Teachers

SITE VISIT: May 17, 2017

ACCREDITATION: NWAC a subsidiary of AdvancED

COMPLAINT STATUS: No complaints on file.
PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND:
Merryhill School at Peccole Ranch is a small accredited school offering Kindergarten. The school shares that the staff will ensure mastery of the “basics”, but reach beyond to ask our students to question assumptions, make connections, engage in problem solving, and arrive at informed decisions. In addition, we emphasize fine arts, technology, music, foreign language, and physical education. Personal Learning Plans are written each year with teacher, parent and student collaboration to set academic, life and career goals for the K students.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the State Board approve the re-licensing of Merryhill School at Peccole Ranch for the four year period: September 1, 2017 through September 1, 2021. Merryhill School at Peccole Ranch has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements on time.

NAME: Merryhill School at Peccole Ranch

ADDRESS: 10050 Alta Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89145

OWNERSHIP: Nobel Learning Communities, Inc.
Foreign Corporation
George Bernstein, President  Lee Bohs, Secretary

INSURANCE: The Addis Group King of Prussia, PA
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least $1,000,000 per occurrence.
Surety Bond ~ $5,000 Western Surety Company

FINANCIAL STABILITY: Revenue: $1,360,542.00 Expenses: $1,038,475.00

WEB ADDRESS: Merryhill School - Alta

ENROLLMENT: 7 Kindergarten Students

EDUCATIONAL STAFF: 2 Teachers

SITE VISIT: May 18, 2017

ACCREDITATION: AdvancED/NWAC

COMPLAINT STATUS: No complaints on file.
PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND:
Sunset Montessori Community uses the Montessori Method and materials with teacher guidance to provide a peaceful environment for students and staff. Students work individually and in small groups in various areas which provide materials allowing children to master concepts in context and depth. Learning areas include Practical Life, Sensorial, Cultural, Math and Language while permitting children to pursue their individual interests and gain Confidence, Self Esteem, Independence & Concentration. Tuition is $177 - $185 per week with a $60.00 material fee.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the State Board approve the re-licensing of Sunset Montessori Community for the two year period: August 18, 2017 through August 18, 2019. Sunset Montessori Community has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements on time.

NAME: Sunset Montessori Community

ADDRESS: 3525 E. Sunset Road, Las Vegas, Nevada  89120

OWNERSHIP: Sunset Montessori Community
            Domestic Corporation
            Ana Martinez, Owner/President/Secretary

INSURANCE: Direct Point Insurance  Las Vegas, NV
            Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least $1,000,000 per occurrence.
            Surety Bond, $5,000 ~Hartford Fire Insurance Company

FINANCIAL STABILITY: Revenue: $146,610.00  Expenses: $87,800.00

WEB ADDRESS:  Sunset Montessori Community

ENROLLMENT:  13 Students, grades K – 3

EDUCATIONAL STAFF:  1 Teacher, 1 Assistant

SITE VISIT:  May 18, 2017

COMPLAINT STATUS: No complaints on file.
PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND:
Candil Hall Academy staff members believe, “Each student is unique, endowed with gifts and talents that are complemented with a strong academic foundation…Candil Hall believes that a strong moral, emotional, physical and patriotic core is essentially intertwined within the academic foundation.” The school uses schoolwide themes to allow all K – 5 students to connect with one another and to best work to their individual abilities within and beyond required curriculum.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the State Board approve the re-licensing of Candil Hall Academy for the two year period: August 24, 2017 through August 24, 2019. Candil Hall Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements on time.

NAME: Candil Hall Academy

ADDRESS: 5348 N. Rainbow Boulevard, Las Vegas, Nevada  89130

OWNERSHIP: C.D. Hall LLC
        Domestic Limited-Liability Company
        Jhonna Diller and Glenda Hall, Managers

INSURANCE: Direct Point Insurance  Las Vegas, NV
        Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least $1,000,000 per occurrence.
        Contractors Bonding & Insurance Company, $5,000 Bond

FINANCIAL STABILITY: Revenue: $473,000.00  Expenses: $322,700.00

WEB ADDRESS: Candil Hall

ENROLLMENT: 32 Students, grades K – 5

EDUCATIONAL STAFF: 4 Teachers

SITE VISIT: May 18, 2017

COMPLAINT STATUS: No complaints on file.
PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND:
9th Bridge School is relatively new in the private school world but grows by one grade level each school year. The school lists values including, “We collaborate because the merging of our experiences is how we grow. We value integrity because we believe in doing the right thing. We nurture because a loving, compassionate, safe environment allows individuality and self-expression to thrive.” Elementary students pay tuition of $12,500 plus a $200 technology fee. The elementary students are located on the second floor of the very large building. Some renovations are scheduled for this summer so that as the student population increases spacious classrooms will serve varied grade levels.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the State Board approve the re-licensing of 9th Bridge School for the two year period: August 26, 2017 through August 26, 2019. 9th Bridge School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements on time.

NAME: 9th Bridge School

ADDRESS: 310 S. 9th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

OWNERSHIP: 9th Bridge School, Inc.  
Domestic Non-Profit Corporation  
Connie Yeh, President  Milo Kostelecky, Secretary

INSURANCE: Orgill-Singer & Assoc.  Las Vegas, NV  
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least $1,000,000 per occurrence.  
Certificate of Deposit ~ Mutual of Omaha Bank

FINANCIAL STABILITY: Revenue: $819,759.00 Expenses: $1,016,645.00  
The difference is covered by private donations.

WEB ADDRESS: 9th Bridge School

ENROLLMENT: 11 Students, grades K - 2

EDUCATIONAL STAFF: 2 Teachers

SITE VISIT: May 17, 2017

COMPLAINT STATUS: No complaints on file.
BACKGROUND:
West Charleston Enrichment Academy (WCEA) is open to students with special needs whether they have an IEP or they are Gifted and everyone in between. Classes are capped at an enrollment of 10. The mission of WCEA is to “...find out what makes your children special and help them thrive!” Diversity is celebrated. Special classes include Bible Study, Spanish, music, art and karate. Project-based learning challenges student learning and students participate in quarterly enrichment projects.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the State Board approve the re-licensing of West Charleston Enrichment Academy for the two year period: September 1, 2017 through September 1, 2019. West Charleston Enrichment Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements on time.

NAME: West Charleston Enrichment Academy

ADDRESS: 3216 W. Charleston, Suite B, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

OWNERSHIP: Las Vegas Enrichment Academy
Domestic Non-Profit Corporation
Carolyn Wassell, President  Teri Martin, Secretary

INSURANCE: Leavitt Insurance Agency  Las Vegas, NV
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least $1,000,000 per occurrence.
$5,000.00 Surety Bond ~ NGM Insurance Company

FINANCIAL STABILITY: Revenue: $155,000.00 Expenses: $155,139.00
<139.00> is made up by the owner of the school

WEB ADDRESS: West Charleston Enrichment Academy

ENROLLMENT: 21 Students, grades K - 8

EDUCATIONAL STAFF: 2 Classroom Teachers

SITE VISIT: May 17, 2017

COMPLAINT STATUS: No complaints on file.
PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND:
DJ’s Christian Academy gives each child the opportunity to inquire, discover, participate and achieve within his or her own limits and potential. To be able to experience self-reliance, and self-worth appropriately to a stage of development, is our approach to learning. The Academy shall exist as a supplement and addition to the child’s family and home life. It is our desire that each and every child will then see himself as a unique and special person. DJ’s Community Christian Academy uses the A Beka program to help deliver their content standards.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the State Board approve the re-licensing of DJ’s Christian Academy for the two year period: August 14, 2017 through August 14, 2019. DJ’s Christian Academy has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements on time.

NAME: DJ’s Christian Academy

ADDRESS: 95 S. Arroyo Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89012

OWNERSHIP: D.J.’s Community Academy, Inc.
Domestic Corporation
Debra Jo Abendroth, President  Daniel Abendroth, Secretary

INSURANCE: Church Mutual Insurance Company  Merrill, WI
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least $1,000,000 per occurrence.
Certificate of Deposit ~ Bank of Nevada

FINANCIAL STABILITY: Revenue: $164,095.00  Expenses: $234,489.00
The difference will be covered by DJ’s Daycare

WEB ADDRESS: DJ’s Academy

ENROLLMENT: 50 Students, grades K - 8

EDUCATIONAL STAFF: 3 Teachers

SITE VISIT: May 18, 2017

COMPLAINT STATUS: No complaints on file.
PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND:
Spring Valley Montessori School offers nurturing and educational program, rich in individualized academic environment, which promotes independence and optimum scholastic achievement. Our teachers emphasize moral instruction, tolerance and kindness to all children. The teachers use Montessori materials and philosophy together with the Nevada State Content Standards to prepare children for secondary education. All students participate in Spanish language class weekly and some enroll in an after-school sign language class.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the State Board approve the re-licensing of Spring Valley Montessori School for the two year period: September 1, 2017 through September 1, 2019. Spring Valley Montessori School has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements on time.

NAME: Spring Valley Montessori School

ADDRESS: 6940 Edna Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada  89117

OWNERSHIP: Spring Valley Montessori, LLC
            Domestic Limited-Liability Company
            Jesusa Alcantara, Manager

INSURANCE: National Insurance Consultants  Las Vegas, NV
            Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least $1,000,000 per occurrence.
            $5,000 Surety Bond ~ Platte River Insurance Company

FINANCIAL STABILITY: Revenue: $329,000.00  Expenses: $176,052.00

WEB ADDRESS: Spring Valley Montessori School

ENROLLMENT: 37 Students, grades K - 8

EDUCATIONAL STAFF: 2 Teachers

SITE VISIT: May 18, 2017

COMPLAINT STATUS: No complaints on file.
PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND:
The Goddard School ~ Sparks is the only Nevada Goddard School still offering Kindergarten. "The F.L.EX Learning Program (Fun, Learning Experience) focuses on academic, social, creative and physical development...The program also introduces STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) concepts early on to help children develop a strong foundation...” By including the arts in the STEM education, children are encouraged to communicate, collaborate, think critically and be creative.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the State Board approve the re-licensing of Child & Family Research Center, UN The Goddard School ~ Sparks for the four year period: August 14, 2017 through August 14, 2021. The Goddard School ~ Sparks has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements on time.

NAME: The Goddard School ~ Sparks

ADDRESS: 751 Los Altos Parkway, Sparks, Nevada 89436

OWNERSHIP: The Agaman Corporation
Domestic Corporation
Jody Agaman, President/Secretary  John Agaman, Treasurer

INSURANCE: Specht Insurance Group, Ltd.  Pottstown, PA
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least $1,000,000 per occurrence.
Surety Bond ~ $5,000  Great American Insurance Company

FINANCIAL STABILITY: Revenue: $161,925.00  Expenses: $100,294.00

WEB ADDRESS: The Goddard School ~ Sparks

ENROLLMENT: 17 Kindergarten Students

EDUCATIONAL STAFF: 2 Teachers

SITE VISIT: June 6, 2017

ACCREDITATION: Paperwork submitted to AdvancED

COMPLAINT STATUS: No complaints on file.
PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND:
Child & Family Research Center, UNR (CFRC) provides Kindergarten and First Grade programs for children whose parents work at least .50 FTE and graduate & undergraduate students who are enrolled for at least 6 hours. CFRC provides a variety of materials and activities to help children learn the value of diversity and respect for all family backgrounds. Washoe County School District provides one teacher and a number of support staff to promote the inclusion of children with special needs. All staff of the CFRC are certified in CPR and First Aid and are required to have on-going training in child development and early childhood education. Tuition is based on a sliding fee scale in accordance to the household income and age of the child.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the State Board approve the re-licensing of Child & Family Research Center, UNR for the four year period: August 12, 2017 through August 12, 2021. Child & Family Research Center, UNR has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements on time.

NAME: Child & Family Research Center, UNR

ADDRESS: 1664 N. Virginia Street, WRB 2028, Reno, Nevada 89557

OWNERSHIP: University of Nevada, Reno

Dr. Marc Johnson, President Janet Sanderson, Executive Assistant to the President

INSURANCE: Self Insured through the Nevada System of Higher Education

FINANCIAL STABILITY: Revenue: $1,073,253.00 Expenses: $1,073,252.00

WEB ADDRESS: Child & Family Research Center - UNR

ENROLLMENT: 12 Students, grades K - 1

EDUCATIONAL STAFF: 1 Teacher

SITE VISIT: June 6, 2017

ACCREDITATION: NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children

COMPLAINT STATUS: No complaints on file.
PRIVATE SCHOOL ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND:
A Step Ahead believes in the development of the whole child. The school is “committed to providing a nurturing, quality, educational program that promotes high self-esteem, the joy of learning, and an environment of respect and dignity for each other. Children’s emerging interests are incorporated into daily activities with planned and spontaneous opportunities for learning.” All staff members have had CPR and basic first aid training. The school is in a rural setting with large outdoor play areas; open fields surround the former multi-story house.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the State Board approve the re-licensing of A Step Ahead for the four year period: August 12, 2017 through August 12, 2021. A Step Ahead has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements on time.

NAME: A Step Ahead

ADDRESS: 945 North Clover Lane, Fernley, Nevada 89408

OWNERSHIP: Stepping Stones of Fernley, LLC
Domestic Limited Liability Company
Craig King, Natasha Kind, Edward King & Jaynee King, Managing Members

INSURANCE: A & H Insurance Incorporated Reno, NV
Insurance liability for death, personal injury or property damage is at least $1,000,000 per occurrence.
$5,000.00 Surety Bond ~ Platte River Insurance

FINANCIAL STABILITY: Revenue: $115,560.00 Expenses: $86,200.00

WEB ADDRESS: A Step Ahead

ENROLLMENT: 11 Students, grades K - 3

EDUCATIONAL STAFF: 1 Teacher

SITE VISIT: June 6, 2017

COMPLAINT STATUS: No complaints on file.