

June 8, 2015

Dear New Schools Interested in Participating in the Private School Choice Programs in 2016-17:

Under 2014 Act 237, **new** schools interested in participating in the Private School Choice Programs (PSCP) in the 2016-17 school year must be preaccredited by a preaccrediting entity by **December 15, 2015**. Wis. Stat. §§ 118.60(1)(cm) and 119.23(1)(ap) define preaccrediting entities as the Wisconsin North Central Association, the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States, Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation, National Lutheran School Accreditation, Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools or the archdiocese or diocese within which the private school is located.

If a new private school interested in participating in the PSCP in the 2016-17 school year fails to obtain preaccreditation by a preaccrediting entity by December 15, 2015, the new school will not be eligible to participate in the PSCP in the 2016-17 school year.

Please note that there are additional accreditation requirements that all schools that participate in the PSCP must meet. More information on these additional requirements will be provided during training.

Below is the list of preaccrediting entities listed under Wis. Stat. §§ 118.60(1)(cm) and 119.23(1)(ap) and their contact information. Please contact organizations directly with questions about their preaccrediting process.

Independent Schools Association of the Central States

1165 North Clark Street, Suite 311
Chicago, IL 60610
312-255-1244
www.isacs.org

National Lutheran School Accreditation

LCMS School Ministry
1333 S. Kirkwood Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63122
1-800-248-1930 ext 1292

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee

PO Box 070912
Milwaukee, WI 53207
<http://www.archmil.org/>

Listing of all Dioceses:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/bishops-and-dioceses/all-dioceses.cfm>

Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools

1840 Bond Street
Green Bay, WI 54303
920-499-5561
www.wacschools.org

Wisconsin North Central Association

121 East Rosser Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58501
1-888-413-3669 ext. 5754 (Regional Office)
www.advanc-ed.org

Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation

P.O. Box 685
Muskego, WI 53150
262-895-3679
www.wrisa.net

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation

N16W23377 Stone Ridge Drive
Waukesha, WI 53188
414-256-3220
www.wels.net

If you have questions concerning the preaccreditation requirement, please contact Latoya Holiday, phone: (608) 266-8066, fax: (608) 267-9207, email: latoya.holiday@dpi.wi.gov