



SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

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Accreditation Information

This bulletin contains information on meeting the accreditation requirement under Wis. Stat. § 115.7915(2)(c) and Wis. Admin. Code § PI 49. Under Wis. Admin. Code § PI 49.03(6), the accreditation notice, from the accreditation agency, must be submitted by **August 1 annually** and may not be dated any earlier than July 1 of that school year. If the school is also participating in the Private School Choice Programs, one notice may be submitted to the Department for the school.

The DPI will work directly with the accrediting agencies to obtain the accreditation notice. Schools are responsible for ensuring they are fully accredited by their accrediting agencies and are included in the notice, by reaching out to their accrediting agency. The accreditation notice must be completed by an authorized member of the accrediting agency and include all of the following information:

- The private school's name;
- The private school's address for each location included in the accreditation;
- The grades accredited; and
- Indication that the private school is accredited at the time the notice is filed.

The grades that a Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) school is accredited for must include all of the grades available for SNSP students as indicated on the Intent to Participate and, if applicable, any additional grades added in the SNSP Portal through the School Information Update Form: SNSP Scholarships and Grades Available. A SNSP school cannot have SNSP students in grades that it is not fully accredited for by a statutorily approved accreditation agency.

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<https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/special-needs-scholarship>

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If a school is not fully accredited for all grades available for SNSP students, it must:

- 1) File a SNSP Private School Requirements Form and all required attachments with the DPI by the first weekday in March in advance of the school year the school will participate in the SNSP; and
- 2) Be approved as a private school by the state superintendent by August 1.

A school that meets both of the above requirements is not required to meet the accreditation requirements for the SNSP.

STATUTORILY APPROVED ACCREDITATION AGENCIES

The following is a list of the statutorily approved accreditation agencies and their contact information. Please contact the accreditation organizations directly with questions about their accrediting process.

Association of Christian Schools International

7431 E State St #109

Rockford, IL 61108

815-282-7070

www.acsi.org

Christian Schools International

99 Monroe Avenue NW, Suite 200

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

616-957-1070

www.csionline.org

Cognia, Inc.

9115 Westside Parkway

Alpharetta, GA 30009

888-413-3669 ext. 5609

cognia.org

Independent Schools Association of the Central States

55 West Wacker Drive

Suite 701

Chicago, IL 60601

312-750-1190

www.isacs.org

Any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private School Accreditation

PO Box 13686

Seattle, WA 98198

www.ncpsa.org/

National Lutheran School Accreditation

LCMS School Ministry

1333 S. Kirkwood Rd.

St. Louis, MO 63122

1-800-248-1930, ext 1292

www.lcms.org/schools

The Diocese or Archdiocese within which the school is located

Listing of all Dioceses: 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 Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation

N16 W23377 Stone Ridge Drive

Waukesha, WI 53188

414-256-3221

<http://welsrc.net/>

Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation

P.O. Box 685

Muskego, WI 53150

262-895-3679

www.wrisa.net