

To: Assembly Committee on Education

From: Dee Pettack, Legislative Liaison

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Re: Statement for Information on Assembly Bill 602

Assembly Bill 602 (AB 602) adds Christian Schools International (CSI) to Wisconsin’s statutory lists for approved accrediting agencies for the purposes of the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, the Racine Parental Choice Program, and the statewide parental choice program and the Special Needs Scholarship program.

Currently the following accrediting agencies are available to private schools participating in the voucher programs:

1. Wisconsin North Central Association
2. Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation
3. Independent Schools Association of the Central States
4. Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation
5. National Lutheran School Accreditation
6. Wisconsin Association of Christian Schools
7. The diocese or archdiocese within which a private school is located
8. Any other organization recognized by the National Council for Private Schools

CSI’s website lists the private schools it has accredited in Wisconsin. The table below provides the name of each private school accredited by CSI, whether the school participates in the choice programs, and whether the school is fully accredited by another accrediting entity under current law. According to the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation’s (WRISA’s) website, every school currently accredited by CSI is also accredited by WRISA, a current accrediting organization for private school choice programs.

Schools Currently Accredited by CSI

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Choice Program Participant</u>	<u>Other Accreditation</u>
Brookfield Christian School	No	WRISA
CrossTrainers Academy	Yes	WRISA
Osstburg Christian School	Yes	WRISA
Randolph Christian School	No	WRISA
Sheboygan County Christian High School	Yes	WRISA
Central Wisconsin Christian School	Yes	WRISA
Delavan Christian School	No	WRISA
Racine Christian School	No	WRISA
Sheboygan Christian School	Yes	WRISA

A list of schools that have been previously accredited by CSI and their status are listed below:

<u>School Name</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
King's Academy	Converted to a Charter authorized by the City of Milwaukee
LifeSkills Academy	Terminated from Milwaukee Parental Choice Program
More than Conquerors Prep School	Terminated from Milwaukee Parental Choice Program
Whole Village Institute	Withdrew from the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program