Accrediting Agencies Whose Schools Have Reduced Reporting Requirements

Revised February 2020

Minnesota nonpublic schools (traditional private schools or homeschools) directly accredited by any of the following organizations are eligible for reduced reporting requirements to the superintendents of the districts where their students reside, as outlined in Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.22, Minnesota Compulsory Instruction Law. These schools are eligible because their accrediting organization has been recognized by the Minnesota Nonpublic Education Council or the Commissioner of Education.

Please note that for purposes of Minnesota’s Compulsory Instruction Law, the accrediting organizations listed below cannot grant Minnesota recognition to other accrediting organizations with which they may have agreements or reciprocity. The Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota Nonpublic Education Council have recognized these organizations only for the direct accreditation review and recognition they provide to their own schools and/or instructors. Agreements some accrediting organizations have with one another do not imply or transfer Minnesota recognition or reporting exemptions to any organization that has not directly requested and received recognition by the Minnesota Department of Education or the Minnesota Nonpublic Education Council. In short, if the organization is not listed here, it is not recognized by the state of Minnesota for reduced reporting requirements. Likewise, local school districts may not modify state reporting requirements by creating local standards that add or delete organizations from this list.

Even though they are exempt from some reporting requirements, schools directly accredited by the following accrediting organizations are still required by Minnesota state law to report by October 1 of each year the name, birth date and address of each child receiving instruction to the superintendent of the district in which the child resides.
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| Accrediting Association of Seventh Day Adventist Schools Colleges and Universities | 8232 Hwy 65 NE Spring Lake Park, MN 55432 | James C. Davis Jr., Superintendent  
Call: 763-424-8923  
Email: james.davis@mnsda.com  
mmauck@mnsda.com  
Melisa Mauck, Administrative Assistant  
Website: Minnesota Seventh-Day Adventists | June 30, 2023 |
| American Association of Christian Schools | 6170 Shallowford Rd, Suite 103 Chattanooga, TN 37421 | Dr. Jeff Walton, Executive Director  
Call: 423-629-4280  
Email: jwalton@aacs.org  
info@aacs.org | June 30, 2023 |
| Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) | 2001 West Plano Parkway Suite 3600 Plano, TX 75075 | Dr. Jeff Mattner  
ACSI Mid-America Regional Director  
Email: jeff_mattner@acsi.org  
Call: 815-282-7070  
Bobbie Kelly, Accreditation Director  
Email: bobbie_kelly@acsi.org | June 30, 2023 |
| Association of Christian Teachers and Schools | 911 South Parsons Avenue Suite G Brandon, FL 33511 | Dr. Jay Nelson, Executive Director or  
Steve Lindquist, Director of Accreditation  
Call: 813-684-2024  
Email: jnelson@actsschools.org  
slindquist@actsschools.org | June 30, 2024 |
| Christian Schools International | 99 Monroe Avenue NW, Suite 200 Grand Rapids, MI 49503 | Sheryl L. Jo  
Director of School Improvement  
Call: 616-617-4361  
Email: sj@csionline.org  
Allison Reiff, Accreditation Coordinator  
Email: are@csionline.org  
Call: 616-419-8224 | June 30, 2022 |
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<td>Cognia (formerly AdvancED)</td>
<td>Wichita State University Campus Box 142, HH105J Wichita, KS 67260-0142</td>
<td>Nancy Bolz, Director  Call: 316-978-3507  Email: <a href="mailto:nbolz@advanc-ed.org">nbolz@advanc-ed.org</a> (current)  Email: <a href="mailto:nancy.bolz@cognia.org">nancy.bolz@cognia.org</a> (future)  Website: AdvancED</td>
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<td>Home Based Educators Accrediting Association, Inc.</td>
<td>P.O. Box 148 Prior Lake, MN 55372</td>
<td>Missy Rossing, Executive Director  Call: 952-935-9234  Email: <a href="mailto:inquiry@hbeaa.org">inquiry@hbeaa.org</a>  Website: Home Based Educators Accrediting Association, Inc.</td>
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<td>Independent Schools Association of the Central States</td>
<td>55 West Wacker, Suite 701 Chicago, IL 60601</td>
<td>Dawn Klus  Director of Accreditation Services  Call: 312-750-1190  Email: <a href="mailto:dawn@isacs.org">dawn@isacs.org</a>  Website: Independent Schools Association of the Central States</td>
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<td>International Christian Accrediting Association</td>
<td>2448 E. 81st Street, Suite 600 Tulsa, OK 74137</td>
<td>Dr. Donnie Peal, Director  Call: 918-493-8880  Email: <a href="mailto:donpeal@oru.edu">donpeal@oru.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:icaa@oru.edu">icaa@oru.edu</a>  Website: International Christian Accrediting Association</td>
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<td>Minnesota Nonpublic Schools Accrediting Association</td>
<td>205 Lexington Ave S New Prague, MN 56071</td>
<td>Sarah Mueller, Executive Director  Call: 952-758-5985  Email: <a href="mailto:smueller@mnsaa.org">smueller@mnsaa.org</a>  Website: Minnesota Nonpublic Schools Accrediting Association</td>
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<td>National Lutheran School Accreditation – The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod</td>
<td>International Center 1333 S. Kirkwood Road St. Louis, MO 63122</td>
<td>Rebecca Schmidt, Director of Schools  Call: 1-800-248-1930 ext.1716  Email: <a href="mailto:Rebecca.Schmidt@lcms.org">Rebecca.Schmidt@lcms.org</a> or <a href="mailto:Kristin.Freeman@lcms.org">Kristin.Freeman@lcms.org</a>  Website: The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod</td>
<td>March 31, 2020</td>
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| Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation | N16 W23377 Stone Ridge Drive Waukesha, WI 53188 | Tom Plitzuweit, Executive Director  
Call: 414-256-3221  
Email: tom.plitzuweit@wels.net  
Website: [Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation](#) | June 30, 2023 |