



Accrediting Agencies Whose Schools Have Reduced Reporting Requirements

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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.

Nonpublic School Accrediting Organization	Address	Other Contact Information	Expiration
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 Website: American Association of Christian Schools	June 30, 2023
Association of Christian Schools International	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 Website: Association of Christian Schools International	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 Website: Association of Christian Teachers and Schools	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: sjo@csionline.org Allison Reiffer, Accreditation Coordinator Email: are@csionline.org Call: 616-419-8224 Website: Christian Schools International	June 30, 2022

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Cognia (formerly AdvancED)	Wichita State University Campus Box 142, HH105J Wichita, KS 67260-0142	Nancy Bolz, Director Call: 316-978-3507 Email: nancy.bolz@cognia.org (future) Website: Cognia	June 30, 2021
Home Based Educators Accrediting Association, Inc.	P.O. Box 148 Prior Lake, MN 55372	Missy Rossing, Executive Director Call: 952-935-9234 Email: inquiry@hbeaa.org Website: Home Based Educators Accrediting Association, Inc.	June 30, 2023
Independent Schools Association of the Central States	55 West Wacker, Suite 701 Chicago, IL 60601	Dawn Klus Director of Accreditation Services Call: 312-750-1190 Email: dawn@isacs.org Website: Independent Schools Association of the Central States	June 30, 2022
International Christian Accrediting Association	2448 E. 81st Street, Suite 600 Tulsa, OK 74137	Dr. Donnie Peal, Director Call: 918-493-8880 Email: donpeal@oru.edu or icaa@oru.edu Website: International Christian Accrediting Association	June 30, 2021
Minnesota Nonpublic Schools Accrediting Association	205 Lexington Ave S New Prague, MN 56071	Sarah Mueller, Executive Director Call: 952-758-5985 Email: smueller@mnsaa.org Website: Minnesota Nonpublic Schools Accrediting Association	June 30, 2022
National Lutheran School Accreditation – The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod	International Center 1333 S. Kirkwood Road St. Louis, MO 63122	Rebecca Schmidt, Director of Schools Call: 1-800-248-1930 ext.1716 Email: Rebecca.Schmidt@lcms.org or Kristin.Freeman@lcms.org Website: The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod	June 30, 2025
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