



Indiana State Board of Education
Request for Freeway School Accreditation
Board Date: June 6, 2012

School: The Prep School Academy
Education Director: Lia Ozolins-Baker
Address: 213 South Rogers Street
Bloomington, Indiana 47401
Grade Span: K-6
Public/Private: Private
Current Enrollment: 160

Targeted Population: Families seeking a private school experience for their child where the center is on educating the whole child, focusing not only on a strong belief in cognitive development and academic success, but also on social and emotional development and success as students move through the natural stages of growing up .

The following executive summary has been compiled by the Office of School Accreditation for use by the Indiana State Board of Education. It includes information presented by the school during the accreditation process, potential legal standard issues, and any other information collected during the process that may impact accreditation.

Identity: The majority of the Prep School Academy students come from Monroe County, however some students come from neighboring counties and because of this some families drive 45 minutes to get to our school. Our students represent a cross-section of families, coming from city neighborhoods to rural settings, from blue collar to management, from self-employed business owners to unemployed. These students represent single and two parent families as well as generational families. Minority students represent approximately 10% of the student body.

Curriculum: The school has aligned its own curricular standards with the Common Core Standards and will meet or exceed the Common Core Standards per grade level. The school will evaluate our curricular standards yearly to ensure we are maintaining alignment with the Common Core Standards.



Testing History: Currently, second through sixth grade students take NWEA tests. In looking at the scores received by The Prep School Academy students during the second testing period, which began in January of 2012, and roughly predicting these students' scores on ISTEP+, our Adequate Yearly Progress is as follows: 86% AYP in Math and 84% AYP in Language Arts.

Staffing: The majority of classroom teachers are licensed by the State of Indiana. Others often have degrees in early childhood.

Waiver Requests: The Prep School Academy will hire teachers and abide by the Freeway Accreditation regulations regarding faculty and staff. At The Prep School Academy, it is understood that our teachers be properly degreed and licensed, however we realize and accept the idea that there will be highly talented and skilled individuals who are degreed, however do not hold a teaching license.

The Prep School Academy would like to be exempt from any and all statutes regarding textbooks and / or the required use of textbooks in the school (IC 20-20-5-1 through IC 20-20-5-4). Based on our unique philosophy of authentic learning, the curriculum at The Prep School Academy is holistic and integrated among all subjects. Because of this, students will use diversified learning materials (versus textbooks) to advance individualized skills and curricular concepts.

Issues: None

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation