



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Office of School Accountability
Date: April 5, 2023
Subject: Accreditation Petition for Genai Excellence Academy

This memorandum provides a summary of the information provided by the school in its petition for performance-based accreditation and the final recommendation from the Indiana Department of Education (Department) regarding the accreditation of Genai Excellence Academy.

Background & Demographic Information

Genai Excellence Academy currently operates in Elkhart, Indiana and serves students in pre-kindergarten through grade 3. The school operates in-person and only conducts virtual instruction as needed due to inclement weather. Genai Excellence Academy opened in the 2016-2017 school year to serve pre-kindergarten. Genai Excellence Academy unsuccessfully attempted a “seeking accreditation” year during the 2018-2019 school year.

Genai Excellence Academy seeks to provide a safe, high-quality educational environment for students. They believe in meeting the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of each child and see each child as the beloved child of God.

Greenwood Christian School projects that it will enroll roughly 37 students in kindergarten through grade 6 during the 2023-2024 school year. Over the next five years, the school intends to increase overall enrollment to 200 students.

Operations

Facilities: Genai Excellence Academy operates at 2201 Toledo Road, Elkhart, Indiana. The building is annually inspected by the Indiana Department of Health and State and Local Fire Marshal, and no findings of noncompliance have been made regarding the facility.

Tuition: Annual tuition and fees for Genai Excellence Academy total \$5,480. Genai Excellence Academy indicated that it intends to participate in the Indiana Choice Scholarship program.

Staffing: The administrative structure for Genai Excellence Academy is as follows:

Advisory Board: Consists of six community members who provide guidance on issues related to young children and their families within the Genai Excellence Academy community.

Dr. Geraldine Brown, Director of Genai Excellence Academy, works with the advisory board to aid student success.



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Genai Excellence Academy is planning for one teacher per grade level for the 2023-3024 school year.

Academic Programming

Genai Excellence Academy uses the Abeka Curriculum aligned to the Indiana Academic Standards to provide student instruction in “Math, Reading, Phonics/Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and (Specials: Art, Gym, Music) and Handwriting.” Genai Excellence Academy will utilize technology, centers of interest, goal setting, and group work in order to differentiate instruction.

Genai Excellence Academy administers NWEA to measure student performance for the fall and spring semesters.

Department Recommendation

Genai Excellence Academy has been in operation for the last five school years, with their enrollment growing at a reasonable pace. In addition, Genai Academy has plans for steady reasonable growth for the future. Based on the submitted petition and accompanying materials, Genai Excellence Academy has a fair understanding of the requirements of being an Indiana performance based accredited school. Therefore, the Department recommends granting Genai Excellence Academy provisional state performance-based accreditation as a nonpublic school in Indiana.