



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Office of School Accountability
Date: April 24, 2024
Subject: Accreditation Petition for Pathway 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 Pathway Academy.

Background & Demographic Information

Pathway Academy plans to operate in Greenfield, Indiana and serve students in kindergarten through second grade. The school will provide strictly in-person instruction. Pathway Academy plans to open in August 2024.

Pathway Academy plans to provide the finest academic education within a Christian environment. Their motto is “Omnia Per Fidem”, All Things Through Faith.

Pathway Academy plans to enroll 80 students in their first year of accreditation. They anticipate enrolling another 60-100 students each year after. The school plans to expand and add a grade every year through eighth grade and has a goal of 400 students.

Operations

Facilities: Pathway Academy plans to operate at 1176 McKenzie Rd., Greenfield, Indiana in Park Chapel Christian Church. Pathway Academy is not affiliated with the church. This property has been inspected and passed all local and state requirements with no compliance violations noted.

Tuition: Annual tuition for Pathway Academy totals \$7800 per student. They also charge \$175 per student for application, technology, and supply fees. Pathway Academy indicated that it intends to participate in the Indiana Choice Scholarship program.

Staffing: Robert Guillaume is the founder and interim school director at Pathway Academy. Mr. Guillaume earned his master’s degree from Morehead State University as well as Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Theological Seminar. Subsequently, he was a teacher, coach and Education Specialist. Mr. Guillame was also founder and CEO of Anderson Preparatory Academy, a K-12 college preparatory charter school.

Academic Programming

The curriculum at Pathway Academy is designed to be integrated across subject areas called “Total Teaching”. The school’s curriculum meets the Indiana Academic Standards.



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Pathway Academy plans to administer benchmarks assessments and has given assurance that they understand which grades and students take each state required assessment and will administer them as applicable.

Department Recommendation

Pathway Academy has plans for steady reasonable growth for the future. Based on the submitted petition and accompanying materials, Pathway Academy has a fair understanding of the requirements of being an Indiana performance-based accredited school. Therefore, the Department recommends granting Pathway Academy provisional state performance-based accreditation as a non-public school in Indiana.