



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Indiana State Board of Education
From: Office of School Accountability
Date: April 2, 2025
Subject: Accreditation Petition for Stone City Christian Academy

This memorandum summarizes Stone City Christian Academy's ("SCCA") petition for performance-based accreditation for its in person school and the Indiana Department of Education's (the "Department") recommendation regarding such accreditation.

Background & Demographic Information

Stone City Christian Academy has operated in person, in Bedford, Indiana for 45 years. SCCA serves students in kindergarten through grade twelve. SCCA additionally operates a virtual program, that is separate from its in person school.

SCCA's mission statement explains: "SCCA exists to partner with Christian families to train and educate students in a Christ-centered environment for life-long discipleship." (2024-2025 *Indiana School Accreditation Petition*, page 4).

The school serves a range of students, including high ability students as well as some students with learning challenges.

SCCA's projected current enrollment is 75 students. It projects 85 students in its first year of accreditation and up to 105 students in year five.

Operations

Facilities: SCCA plans to operate at Faith Mission Church, located at 1813 26th St., Bedford, Indiana. The building has had all the required inspections, with no findings of noncompliance.

Tuition: SCCA indicated it intends to participate in the Indiana Choice Scholarship program.

SCCA tuition and fees are:

Annual Registration** \$75.00 per student (\$125 max per family)

Curriculum \$400

First Child from Family \$2300.00

Second Child from Family \$2150.00



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Third (+) Child from Family \$1600.00

Kindergarten Student \$2050.00

Satellite*** (4 days/week) \$1820.00

Satellite (3 days/week) **** \$1390.00

Repeat Pace \$6.50

Diagnostic Test Set \$45.00

Dual Enrollment Fee \$350.00

Graduation Fee \$75.00

Official Transcript - 1st Copy Free

Official Transcript - 2nd (+) Copy \$5.00

Staffing: The governing board of SCCA is the board of Faith Mission Church, Bedford, Indiana. The board consists of the Pastor (also the Administrator of the school), Principal, Treasurer, Secretary, Trustees, and Members-at-Large. This board oversees all aspects of the school, approves any changes to the Student Handbook, hires teachers and employees at the school, approves the school budget, approves student applications for enrollment, and owns and maintains the buildings and property for the school. (*2024-2025 Indiana School Accreditation Petition, page 5*)

The SCCA administrator serves as pastor of Faith Mission Church and administrator of Stone City Christian Academy.

Rev. Bryan Line, the school's current administrator, has pastored several churches in Indiana for 27 years and came to Bedford in 2023. He leads weekly chapel services for SCCA and provides a pastoral presence for the students while being full-time pastor of FMC. (*2024-2025 Indiana School Accreditation Petition, page 9*).

The school has given assurance it will hire a staff member with an Indiana teaching license.

Academic Programming

SCCA utilizes the ABEKA curriculum for kindergarten-2nd grade and ACE School of Tomorrow curriculum for grades 3-12. English/language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies are all included in those curricula as core subjects. Students complete work in those



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subjects every day as per the curriculum requirements. (*2024-2025 Indiana School Accreditation Petition, page 11*)

For grades 3-12, diagnostic testing for new students, mastery learning, individualized curriculum, and one-on-one instruction are utilized to provide equitable and challenging experiences for all students. Because of the flexibility of the ACE curriculum, special needs students may be issued lower-level curriculum based on the diagnostic testing results. High ability students may achieve an Honors Diploma by completing additional or higher-level courses. High ability students will also be given the opportunity to complete college level courses through dual enrollment. (*2024-2025 Indiana School Accreditation Petition, page 11*)

Class devotionals; group scripture reading and memorization; prayer; pledges to the American Flag, christian flag, and the Bible; weekly chapel services are supplemental programs at SCCA.

SCCAs daily schedule meets the student instructional day requirements according to IC 20-30-2-2 and IC 20-30-2-2.7.

SCCA has given assurance it understands which students and grades take each state assessment and will administer these required state assessments when applicable.

Department Recommendation

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