



**Indiana State Board of Education**  
**Request for Freeway School Accreditation**  
**Board Date: August 1, 2012**

School: Richmond Academy D860  
Education Director: Dr. S. Chad Ross  
Address: 1900 West Main St  
Richmond, Indiana 47374  
Grade Span: PK-12  
Public/Private: Private  
Current Enrollment: 48

Targeted Population: Families seeking a quality faith-based private education.

*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: Richmond Academy (RA) is a non-public, non-denominational, Pre-K-12 Christian school that came into existence in 2003 for the express purpose of meeting the needs of the children of Richmond. The school is committed to the goal of educating the whole child - physically, emotionally, academically, and spiritually. The school is sponsored by the community and is governed by an independent school board. Richmond Academy is a coeducational, independent, college-preparatory school dedicated to nurturing and challenging the whole person.

Curriculum: Richmond Academy has designed and implemented *A Beka* curriculum that includes course philosophies, course descriptions, course objectives, and a scope and sequence. *A Beka's* history of providing excellence for its students is proven in producing knowledge, skills, and critical thinking. Every year, our staff and faculty have compared the Indiana Academic Standards with the curriculum of *A Beka*. The findings have been documented for current and future use of our faculty to ensure that all standards are met in the classroom. Any items that were not adequately covered are now completely covered. Most items met or exceeded the Indiana Academic Standards. It is the school's plan, to have our



staff and faculty compare the Curricular Common Core Standards with the curriculum of A *Beka*.

Testing History: While the school's scores are lower than the state's average, in 2011 the school posted an 8% improvement in scores, reflecting a trend to increase performance each of the last several years.

Staffing: All staff members hold degrees in education, most hold Indiana teaching licenses.

Waiver Requests: None requested

Issues: None

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation