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Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

**To:** Indiana State Board of Education  
**From:** Office of School Accountability  
**Date:** June 26, 2023  
**Subject:** Accreditation Petition for Premier Soccer Academy

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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 Premier Soccer Academy (PSA).

## **Background & Demographic Information**

Premier Soccer Academy will be a new school in Noblesville, Indiana for the 2023-2024 school year and serve students in grade 4 through grade 8. PSA is affiliated with Indy Premier Soccer Club.

PSA centers around providing aspiring top-level athletes an educational environment where students are challenged both physically and academically.

Premier Soccer Academy's mission is to create an educational environment for student athletes that provides them with the tools they need to be successful on and off the field. Centered on meeting students' individual needs, Premier Soccer Academy fosters lifelong relationships while producing students who are curious, problem solvers, and engaged with the community around them.

PSA projects that it will enroll roughly 6-8 students in grade 4 through grade 8 during the 2023-2024 school year. The school intends to expand its student population to increase overall enrollment to 17-20 students within five years.

## **Operations**

***Facilities:*** Premier Soccer Academy's facility is located at 9741 East 153rd Street, Noblesville, Indiana. PSA is an extension of Indy Premier Soccer Club, and the facility will host soccer training. The school itself will be housed in dedicated classroom space that the club planned and built out for the school. The facility houses three indoor fields as well as a kitchen, common area, board room, and classroom. All local building/fire code inspections have been completed and passed.

***Tuition:*** Annual tuition and fees for Premier Soccer Academy total \$12,000 for an Indy Premier player, and \$13,000 for any student who plays outside of Indy Premier. All technology, apparel, field experience, and other fees are included in the price of tuition. PSA indicated that it intends to participate in the Indiana Choice Scholarship program.



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**Staffing:** John Reynolds, Head of School, and founder of Premier Soccer Academy, will be the single administrator. He has ten years of experience in public education. John was a licensed school counselor, served for five years as an assistant principal, and served as a principal. John currently holds a valid administrator license.

PSA does not intend to hire any licensed teachers during their first year in operation, until they have 10 students enrolled. John will teach all subjects except for Spanish. John plans to hire two instructional assistants.

### **Academic Program**

For grade 4 through grade 8 students, PSA will offer various courses. For all students, Edmentum will be the base mathematics and reading curriculum. These subject areas will be based on grade level and advanced placement criteria. The humanities period will phase in history and social studies into reading and writing. Students will also take math through Edmentum and will cover science and technology into a STEM class period daily. Spanish will be taught three days a week by a native Spanish teacher. Students will also be taught educational neuroscience as well as social emotional topics during the wellness class period. PSA plans to report data to the state using templates provided to them by the IDOE.

Premier Soccer Academy is open for enrollment for prospective grade 4 through grade 8 students. The enrollment process is non-discriminatory. Prospective students should be in good academic standing and have shown superior character and behavior choices at their previous school.

PSA will assess each student on NWEA, as well as formative assessments on reading and math curriculum on Edmentum, along with teacher created assessments in both science and history/social studies. Writing skills assessments and vocab quizzes will be given on a weekly basis. Premier Soccer Academy gave assurance that they will administer all required state assessments.

### **Department Recommendation**

While Premier Soccer Academy has not previously operated a school, their accreditation application reflects the research, thought, and work needed to become a school. In addition, PSA has plans for growth for the future. Based on the submitted petition and accompanying materials, PSA has a fair understanding of the requirements of being an Indiana performance based accredited school. Therefore, the Department recommends granting Premier Soccer Academy provisional state performance-based accreditation as a nonpublic school in Indiana.