

To: Indiana State Board of Education From: Office of School Accountability

**Date:** March 15, 2024

**Subject:** Accreditation Petition for Hebron Christian 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 Hebron Christian Academy.

## **Background & Demographic Information**

Hebron Christian Academy currently operates in Hebron, Indiana and serves students in prekindergarten through grade 12. The school operates strictly in-person. Hebron Christian Academy has been in operation since 2002.

Hebron Christian Academy desires to assist families in fulfilling the commandment of God. They believe that "Christian education is not an alternative, it is not a luxury, it is the law of God".

Hebron Christian Academy currently has 72 students and projects that it will enroll roughly 220 students in the next three to five years with a goal of 300.

## **Operations**

*Facilities:* Hebron Christian Academy operates at Emmanuel Baptist Church at 769 W 800 S, Hebron. The building is inspected for occupancy only.

**Tuition:** Annual tuition and fees for Hebron Christian Academy totals \$5,230 for students in kindergarten through grade 6, and \$5,480 for student is grades 7-12. These costs include annual tuition, registration fee, testing fees and books/materials fees. Hebron Christian Academy indicated that it intends to participate in the Indiana Choice Scholarship program.

*Staffing:* Emmanuel Baptist Church's Deacon Board is responsible for approval of marketing and fundraising, general oversite of the day-to-day activities or functions, and general oversite of activities provided by the school.

The school operates under the leadership of Pastor Frank McClure. He has been Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church for over 20 years and a member for 26 years. He is the founder and president of Hebron Christian Academy.

Todd McClure and Julie McClure are the administrators that run the school. Mr. McClure teaches middle school and high school. He is responsible for hiring and maintaining staff, and student and parent relationships. He is also responsible for the maintenance of the facility.

Ms. McClure has experience in early childhood education, staff management, and program development. She is the director of the pre-kindergarten and is a pre-school and kindergarten teacher at Hebron Christian Academy.

Currently, Hebron Christian Academy has nine teachers, two of which have Indiana teaching licenses.

## **Academic Programming**

Students will be instructed in the areas of English/language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, computers, home economics, Bible, Spanish, music and physical education. Hebron Christian Academy follows the state standards in mathematics, science, English/language arts, and social studies. Hebron Christian Academy uses the Abeka Curriculum for grades 1-12.

Students are taught using lectures and projects, and are required to complete regularly scheduled homework, quizzes, and tests. Hebron Christian Academy provided understanding of the required Indiana state assessments and which grades are required to take each test.

## **Department Recommendation**

Hebron Christian Academy has been in operation for 21 years, with their enrollment growing at a reasonable pace. In addition, Hebron Christian Academy has plans for steady reasonable growth for the future. Based on the submitted petition and accompanying materials, Hebron Christian Academy has a fair understanding of the requirements of being an Indiana performance-based accredited school. Therefore, the Department recommends granting Hebron Christian Academy provisional state performance-based accreditation as a nonpublic school in Indiana.