



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

School: Baptist Academy C575  
Education Director: Tracy Brown  
Address: 2565 South Villa Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46203  
Grade Span: K-12  
Public/Private: Private  
Current Enrollment: 225 students

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

*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: Baptist Academy is a private, Christian School operated by Villa Baptist Church of Indianapolis. Though the school is sponsored by a Baptist congregation and holds to Baptist doctrine in its Bible classes and philosophy, the school admits students of many different backgrounds within the larger community. The mission of Baptist Academy is to serve the Christian home, the local church, and the greater community in the evangelization and education of students in the Bible and in the standard academic subjects.

Curriculum: We use the Department of Education Common Core Standards to create grade-appropriate instruction. Our graduation requirements meet the Indiana Core 40 standards. We offer a general diploma, a college prep diploma, and an honors diploma. In the past 6 years we have offered Advanced Placement courses, along with honors-level courses in chemistry, physics, advanced math and calculus.

Testing History: The school administers the ISTEP+, ECA, and I-READ state assessments. The school also conducts yearly standardized testing with the Stanford Achievement Tests for K5-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Additionally, students are administered the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test), the SAT, and the ACT (American College Testing) programs. In addition, the



school offers a limited number of Advanced Placement courses, and many students have successfully received college credits based on their AP exam scores.

Baptist Academy's most recent test scores for the 2011-2012 academic year reveal that every class tested above grade level.

- Grade 12 scored an overall 96 percentile
- High School average score: 88 percentile
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade 2 years above average
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade 4 years above average
- Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> grade scored 1 to 2 ½ years above average
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade scored an average of 2 ½ years above average

Staffing: Classroom teachers are either licensed Indiana teachers or hold teaching certification through American Association of Christian Schools.

Waiver Requests:

- **IC 20-20-5-2** (textbook use beyond 12 years),  
**IC 20-26-12-24** (local adoption process; adoption required from state list), and **511 IAC 6.1-5-5** (adoption required from state list).
- **IC 20-30-5.8**, (safety education), **IC 20-30-5-9** (health education), **IC 20-30-5-11** (alcohol, tobacco and drug education). These topics are covered in our own format. Principles of moral decision-making, compassion and help for others, respect for the body, abstinence from immoral and damaging actions, and self-discipline are all integrated into classroom instruction and daily living at Baptist Academy in every grade level.

Issues: None

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation