



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

School: Blackhawk Christian Schools A170 & A172

Education Director: Bill Hartman

Address: 4700 East State Boulevard
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Grade Span: K-12

Public/Private: Private

Current Enrollment: 700 Students

Targeted Population: Families seeking a quality, faith-based 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: Blackhawk Christian School is a K-12 school that came into existence in 1973 for the express purpose of meeting the needs of the children of Blackhawk Baptist Church and the northeast community of Ft. Wayne. The school is committed to the goal of educating the whole child - physically, emotionally, academically, and spiritually.

Blackhawk Christian School is sponsored by the Blackhawk Ministries and is governed by a 9-member school board made up of 6 Blackhawk Ministries church members and up to three (3) members of other community churches represented in the school. Blackhawk Christian School is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), Allen County Non-Public Schools Association (ACNPSA), and the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) as well as Region 8 ESC (Education Service Center) of Northeast Indiana. Grades K-8 of Blackhawk Christian School have been accredited by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) since 1977. Since 1983, Blackhawk Christian School has been accredited by the IDOE as a K-6 elementary school and a 7-12 junior-senior high school.

Curriculum: Blackhawk Christian School is committed to the Common Core Standards. Blackhawk Christian School began transitioning to the Common Core Curriculum during the



2011-12 school year. On-going Professional Development support includes participation in teacher training activities through Region 8 ESC (Education Service Center) of Northeast Indiana, in which we have membership, as well as area private school collaboration activities for which Blackhawk Christian School has served as hosts.

Testing History: During the past five years, Blackhawk students have scored in the 90th percentile and higher on Language Arts and Math exams.

Staffing: Blackhawk Christian School has a history of employing a significant majority of teachers with an Indiana Teaching License and with certification in their area of teaching and/or supervision assignment. Current staffing for the 2012-13 school year finds 86% of our teaching staff holding current Indiana Licenses.

Waiver Requests: Textbook Selection Waiver: *Statutes IC 20-20-5-2; IC 20-26-12-24; IC 20-26-12-28; 511 IAC 6.1-5-5. Although we request this waiver, it is important to note at the beginning that we do closely follow the Indiana Academic Standards.* However, in addition to the Indiana Academic Standards, Blackhawk Christian School has a deep commitment to choosing textbooks and instructional material that are in alignment with its mission and purpose. This mission and purpose is to meet according to Biblical principles the academic, physical, and spiritual needs of its students.

Issues: None

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation