



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

School: Christian Haven
Education Director: Craig Belt
Address: 12501 North State Road 49
Wheatfield, Indiana 46392
Grade Span: 1-12
Public/Private: Private
Current Enrollment: 52 Students

Targeted Population: Christian Haven provides a variety of residential, day treatment, and community-based outreach services for youth and families who have experienced significant problems in their lives.

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: Christian Haven, Inc. is an independent, Christian, not-for-profit agency, which provides a variety of residential, day treatment, and community-based outreach services for youth and families who have experienced significant problems in their lives. The vast majority of students at Christian Haven, Inc. are court ordered to be there. Christian Haven, Inc. provides a continuum of therapeutic care and treatment for troubled males and females between the ages of 6 and 18. Christian Haven, Inc. is licensed by the State of Indiana as a residential childcare facility and is a member of IARCCA (an Association of Child Caring Agencies). Founded in 1952, its 110-acre rural campus is located in Wheatfield, Indiana, 20 miles south of Valparaiso.

Curriculum: Having utilized the Indiana Academic Standards as a platform for its present curriculum, complying with the Common Core State Standards should be relatively easy once it is fully implemented. Christian Haven, Inc. is very supportive of the idea of relevant standards that are designed to help its students become successful in life. One of the goals at Christian Haven, Inc. is to improve the academic and vocational achievement of the children



and youth to promote the successful reintegration back into the public school system or transition into the world of work. This goal can be obtained by meeting the Common Core State Standards.

Staffing: Christian Haven, Inc. teachers are all degreed and licensed to teach in Indiana, although some have expired. However, due to the inability to compete with the salary and benefits of the public schools, Christian Haven, Inc. experiences a great deal of turnover with teachers. This occasionally results in assigning teachers to teach outside their licensed areas.

Waiver Requests: The curriculum at Christian Haven, Inc. meets the requirements set forth by the Indiana Department of Education. Classes are state approved and are taught using the Indiana Academic Standards. Due to the transient nature of our students on campus, the focus in academics is on the core classes and those that are required for graduation. These include Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health, and Physical Education. Christian Haven, Inc. does not offer classes in Fine Arts, such as art, band, and choir or classes in World Languages, such as French, German, and Spanish. Therefore, Christian Haven, Inc. requests that 511 IAC 6.1-5-1, 511 IAC 6.1-5-2.5, 511 IAC 6.1-5-3.5, and 511 IAC 6.1-5-4 be waived.

Christian Haven, Inc. requests that IC 20-20-5-2, IC 20-20-5-23, IC 20-26-12-24, IC 20-26-12-28, and 511 IAC 6.1-5-5 [Textbooks] be waived.

Issues: None

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation