



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

School: City Baptist Schools B985
Education Director: George Vogel
Address: 4925 S Sohl Avenue
Hammond, Indiana 46327-1578
Grade Span: 1-12
Public/Private: Private
Current Enrollment: 283

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: The school is a ministry of the First Baptist Church of Hammond Indiana and is governed by a school board which consists of the deacon board of the First Baptist Church with direct pastoral oversight. It is our desire at HBS to reach a diverse population with quality education that has a Christian emphasis. We have open doors to people of diverse socio-economics, race, and of various educational abilities. The students we currently have enrolled are primarily from the Lake County area, but we also have students from Cook County, Illinois. While students are not required to attend the First Baptist Church of Hammond, students are required to attend a church of like faith. We do stress to parents that our school is a Christian School and that the students will be taught Christian principles throughout the day in both academic and Bible classes.

Curriculum: City Baptist will comply with the common core standards adopted by the state of Indiana by providing City Baptist students a balanced sequence of academically rigorous high school courses in the core subjects of English/language arts, mathematics, science, history, physical education/health and wellness; and electives including computers and mechanical arts.



Currently, City Baptist Schools does not offer students an opportunity to earn an Indiana Honors Diploma.

Testing History: City Baptist Schools have not administered ISTEP+ or End of Course Assessments in the past. With approval for accreditation, this testing will begin during the 2012-2013 academic year. The school has previously monitored student performance through Iowa Test of Skills. When students in the 3rd grade and above begin ISTEP+ testing, The Iowa Test of Basic Skills will continue to be administered to students in kindergarten through second grade.

Staffing: The faculty and staff of City Baptist Schools are rich in teaching experience. The average tenure at City Baptist Schools is over 11 years. As you notice in the appendix X, the majority of our teachers are teaching in the area for which they have been trained. Also the majority of our teachers have graduated with a teaching degree from Hyles-Anderson College. Hyles-Anderson College is not an accredited college. This is why you notice the lack of teacher licenses. We have six teachers who are seeking emergency permits so as to be allowed to administer the ISTEP. In the future, we will work to increase the number of teacher licenses.

Waiver Requests:

- IC 20-30-5-8; Safety Education: We include basic safety instruction into our curriculum and teach a semester of Health and Safety in high school.
- IC 20-30-5-9; Hygiene and Sanitary Science: This topic will be taught at CBS but not necessarily in the manner prescribed in the statute.
- IC 20-30-5-11; Instruction regarding alcoholic beverages, tobacco, prescription drugs, and controlled substances: These topics will be taught at CBS but not necessarily in a way as prescribed in the statute.
- IC 20-26-12-28; Waiver of Textbook Adoption Requirements: We are asking for the statutes and rules regarding state adoption textbooks to be suspended for our school.
- IC 20-28-5; We are asking for the statutes and rules regarding certified staff to be suspended for our school. As described in section X, a high percentage of our teachers have graduated with an undergraduate degree in education with most of them teaching in the teaching fields for which they studied; however, a high percentage of them graduated from a non-accredited college.

Issues: City Baptist Schools do not offer students the opportunity to earn the honors diploma.



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Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation

Rationale: The school has made a commitment to offer the honors diploma in the future as a condition of accreditation approval.