



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

School: Kingsway Christian B295
Education Director: Alan Hughes
Address: 7979 E. County Road 100 N
Avon, Indiana
Grade Span: K-8
Public/Private: Private
Current Enrollment: 549 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: Kingsway Christian School first opened her doors in 1977. The first enrollment was twenty-five students in first, second, third and fourth grades. There were originally two full time teachers instructing divided classes and a part-time music teacher. The next year, kindergarten and fifth grades were added and with few exceptions, the school has realized steady growth through the years. In 1994, seventh grade was added and in 1995 the middle school was completed by the addition of eighth grade. During the 2011-12 school year, KCS had 549 students enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grades, with over 70 teachers and staff members employed.

Curriculum: Currently Kingsway's Curriculum Guide is foundationally built upon Indiana's Academic Standards with the inclusion of biblical standards in every subject and at every grade level. KCS will systematically replace the Academic Standards in our Curriculum Guide with Common Core Standards. In addition Common Core Standards are a key decision-making component of our yearly textbook adoption cycle. Our teachers and staff have already begun the changeover to Common Core Standards and will continue to do so in a timely manner.

Testing History: Kingsway consistently exceeds the state results for ISTEP+.



Staffing: All staff members are licensed, either by the State of Indiana or the American Christian Schools International.

Waiver Requests:

- KCS requests suspension of IC 20-30-5-8, IC 20-30-5-9, and IC 20-30-5-11 regarding safety education, hygiene, tobacco, prescription drugs, and controlled substances. These subjects are included in KCS instruction from a biblical worldview.
- KCS also requests suspension of IC-20-26-12-24, IC 20-26-12-28, 511 IAC 6.1-5-5 and any part of IC 20-20-5-1 through IC 20-20-5-4 that may apply to our school regarding textbooks. Since 1982, Kingsway Christian School has followed the textbook adoption cycle of the State of Indiana. The intentions of the school are to continue to follow a 6-year cycle of textbook adoption. Kingsway will continue to use the sixth year to adopt Bible curriculum as well as miscellaneous subject areas.

Issues: None

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation