



Indiana State Board of Education
Request for Freeway School Accreditation

Board Date: April 4 2012

School: Canyon Ridge Academy

Education Director: Christopher Lawrence

Grade Span: 5-8

Public/Private: Private

Enrollment: New School

Targeted Population: Families seeking a private, faith-based education for their children.

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: As a private Christian school, Canyon Ridge Academy hopes to provide educational opportunities for low income students, homeless students and families, students and families from diverse backgrounds in the greater Fort Wayne Area.

Curriculum: We are dedicated to better preparing our students for a love of lifelong learning and service. In moving forward with these goals, Canyon Ridge is committed to understanding, preparing and implementation of the Common Core State Standards throughout its curriculum. Canyon Ridge Academy will participate in ISTEP+ testing, including End of Course Assessments. To track and improve student performance, each student's score will be reviewed and individual learning plans implemented where necessary. Our classes are limited to an enrollment of no more than 20 students to ensure that each and every student receives the individual attention necessary to help them succeed.

Testing History: New School

Staffing: The school has committed to hiring certified staff, recognizing that not all vacancies will be filled in this manner. They are working with Kelly Services education division to help locate licensed teacher candidates.



Waiver Requests:

- IC 20-30-5-8: Safety Education. Our curriculum will include basic safety, as well as Health & Safety.
- IC 20-30-5-9: Hygiene and Sanitary Science. This will be instructed at Canyon Ridge in a manner consistent with the mission of the school.
- IC 20-30-5-11: Instruction regarding alcoholic beverages, tobacco, prescription drugs and controlled substances. This will be instructed at Canyon Ridge in a manner consistent with the mission of the school.
- IC 20-26-12-28: Waiver of Textbook Adoption Requirements. A large majority of textbooks used at Canyon Ridge will be on the Indiana State Adoption List and consequently written to meet state standards. In some cases, we may use textbooks that are not from the State Adoption List but will still strive to teach those materials within state standards. In the purchasing of textbooks we will not likely follow the state year by year adoption schedule such as public schools.
- We are asking for the statutes and rules regarding certified staff to be suspended for our school.

Issues: Staffing

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation

Rationale: Based on their submitted petition, Canyon Ridge intends to hire as many highly qualified teachers as possible when staffing the school.