



**Indiana State Board of Education**  
**Request for Freeway School Accreditation**

**Board Date: April 4 2012**

School: Christ Baptist Christian Academy

Education Director: Mrs. Dorothy Lawrence

Address: 4700 East 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Gary, Indiana 46403

Grade Span: K-6

Public/Private: Private

Enrollment: 61

Targeted Population: Families in Lake County seeking a faith-based private school 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: Christ Baptist Christian Academy and Preschool is a ministry of Christ Baptist Church. Christ Baptist Church was founded in 1981. In 1994 The Christ Baptist Christian Academy and Preschool was established. The first class consisted of 5 students and 1 teacher. The Academy has grown steadily since its inception. In the 1999-2000 school years, there were 175 students enrolled in Preschool -8th grade, with nearly 25 staff members. Currently Christ Baptist Christian Academy and Preschool has 61 students enrolled in Preschool -5th grade. Over the years we have had a gradual reduction in enrollment due to a decrease in Gary's population, an increase of charter schools in the area, and a split in our church membership.

Curriculum: Our curriculum has the Indiana Academic Standards as its academic base, ensuring that what is being taught is meeting those standards. We have adopted McGraw Hill and Pearson textbooks to enhance the A Beka curriculum in science and social studies.

Testing History: Christ Baptist Academy has administered the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Students test at, or above grade level.



Staffing: Staff members have a wide range of backgrounds and experience teaching. Several of the teachers are licensed in their teaching area, consistent with typical Freeway schools.

Waiver Requests:

- Suspension of IC 20-30-5-8, IC 20-30-5-9, IC 20-30-5-11 regarding safety education, hygiene, tobacco, prescription drugs and controlled substances.  
These subjects are included in instructions through implementation of the A Beka curriculum by the staff at Christ Baptist Christian Academy and Preschool.
- Suspension of: IC 20-20-5-2, IC 20-26-12-24, IC 20-26-12-28, and 511 IAC 6.1-5-5 regarding textbooks.

Our school seeks a suspension of the requirement for adopting from the state list and suspension of the requirement for filing waivers for adoption of texts other than those on the state list. Due to the core nature of our school, our parents, teachers, and school administrator find Christian texts more appropriate for the educational processes and purposes of our school.

Issues: Staffing

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation

Rationale: Teacher credentials are typical for Freeway accredited schools.