



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

Board Date: April 4 2012

School: Michiana Christian School
Education Director: Mrs. Stephanie Reynolds
Address: 2730 S. Ironwood Drive
South Bend, Indiana 46614
Grade Span: K-8
Public/Private: Private
Enrollment: 29

Targeted Population: South Bend area families looking for a faith-based private school.

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: Michiana Christian School (MCS) was founded in 1976 as a ministry of area churches of Christ/Christian Churches to provide a Christ-centered, Bible-based education for Christian young people. The school is now a ministry of Deer Run Church of Christ.

Presently, MCS consists of Kindergarten thru sixth grade, with a current enrollment of 29. The student body is made up of a diverse group consisting of 8% black students, 8% multi-racial students, and 84% white students. The families who send their children to MCS are predominantly blue collar families who sacrifice and work extremely hard to invest in their child's education. Because of this, MCS has chosen to keep our tuition low in order for more families within the community to have the opportunity to give their child a private education.

Testing History: The school has a history of using NWEA and Terra Nova to monitor student achievement. It is very likely that the students will score well on ISTEP+ when first administered in the spring of 2013.



Staffing: Most instructional staff have education-related degrees and have years of experience teaching at their grade level.

Waiver Requests:

- IC 20-26-12-26: Mandatory offer to purchase textbooks
MCS waives this statute due to the fact that the majority of our curriculum purchased is workbooks.
- IAC 6.1-5-5: Textbooks
MCS waives this statute. We plan to adopt curriculum that includes God's perspective throughout the lessons but also that meets the common core standards that the state requires.

Issues: Staffing

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation

Rationale: As more students enroll and staffing requirements increase, there is a commitment to employ additional teachers who are licensed.