



Indiana State Board of Education
Request for Freeway School Accreditation
Board Date: April 4 2012

School: North Liberty Christian School

Education Director: Adriane Baker

Address: 65225 State Road 23
North Liberty, IN 46554

Grade Span: K-6

Public/Private: Private

Current Enrollment:

Targeted Population: Families in St. Joseph 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: NLCS is located within North Liberty Church of Christ. There are several ministries that operate within the church: a licensed childcare facility, preschool facility and the Christian School. The school has been running K-6th grades since August 1997. We currently have 3 classrooms, a computer lab, an art room, a multipurpose room, a cafeteria, a chapel, a gymnasium and a school office. We also have an age appropriate playground on site. NLCS has always operated under a combined classroom structure. Our teachers have 8+ years experience in multi-grade teaching.

Currently, our kindergarten class stands alone, along with a 1st grade class that stands alone. Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are in a combined class. We currently do not have any second or six grade students. Each year we re-evaluate class structure during enrollment time. We typically do not like to have a student/teacher ratio greater than 15:1. We believe that we can accomplish a more productive differentiated instruction and individualized learning by keeping a low student/teacher ratio. We offer enrichment classes to our students in the following areas: physical education, art class, music class, and computer class. We have Chapel once a week led by the school principal, and the ministers from the church.



Curriculum: Currently North Liberty Christian uses Abeka, Shurley Method, and Standard Publishing for our curriculum. Additionally the teachers are also taking measures to ensure a smooth transition into the Common Core Standards and PARCC assessment.

Testing History: We have taken the Pearson Stanford standardized test, and currently this year we will be taking the Terra Nova 3. For years now, we have made sure that our curriculum aligns with the Indiana State Standards. Our teachers strive to go above and beyond what the standards ask for of each grade. For the last two years our students have tested at or above national norm in each area; math, language, social studies, bible, and science. Although we have not taken the ISTEP tests before, we are anticipating to perform average or above average.

Staffing: The majority of teachers and administrators hold valid Indiana teaching licenses. The school has a commitment to hire similarly licensed teachers as the school grows.

Waiver Requests: 511 IAC 6.1-5-5- Regarding textbook adoption

North Liberty Christian School would like to continue to purchase textbooks based on our mission and purpose. We will still ensure that we are purchasing books that align to the State Standards, and soon, the Common Core, but we would like to have the freedom to choose the company and books.

Issues: Staffing

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation

Rationale: Staffing at North Liberty Christian meets or exceeds other Freeway accredited schools