



**Indiana State Board of Education**  
**Request for Freeway School Accreditation**  
**Board Date: June 6, 2012**

School: North Star Montessori [A405]

Education Director: Denise Brown

Address: 2320 Midway Street  
Columbus, Indiana 47201

Grade Span: PK-6

Public/Private: Private

Current Enrollment: 11 Students, Grades K-4

Targeted Population: Families seeking a private school utilizing the Montessori method of instruction.

*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: North Star Montessori serves a population of 11 students in kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grades. Its population is 100% Caucasian, compared to Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation's 80%. Five North Star students, or 44.5% of the school's population, qualify for the free/reduced lunch program, compared to BCSC's 40.1%.

Curriculum: In addition, as the school transitions to Freeway status, a team of educators will work to merge the grades K-6 Montessori Albums, Indiana State Standards, and North Star's learning objectives into a first draft of the Curriculum. Benchmark entries for grades 1-3 and 4-6 will be drafted to articulate criteria for acceptable demonstrations of learning for the school's objectives and to indicate readiness to matriculate to the next three year cycle. Record-keeping systems will be used that will aid the alignment of the Montessori materials with state standards. The head of school and professional development coordinators will implement a professional development program that will create an environment where staff and students thrive both academically and socially.

Testing History: Standardized testing has not been done.



Staffing: Two of three classroom teachers are licensed by Indiana Department of Education.

Waiver Requests: None

Issues: Staffing

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation

Rationale: Staffing is typical of most Freeway accredited schools.