

APPROVAL OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS

BACKGROUND

Each private school seeking State Board of Education approval is required to submit an application to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. The application materials include a State Standards Certificate of Compliance and documents verifying that the school meets the criteria for approval established by statute and regulations. A more complete description will be provided at the staff table for reference during the meeting.

Enrollment figures, including extension student enrollment, are estimates provided by the applicants. Actual student enrollment, number of teachers, and the teacher preparation characteristics will be reported to OSPI in October. This report generates the teacher/student ratio for both the school and extension programs. Pre-school enrollment is collected for information purposes only.

Private schools may provide a service to the home school community through an extension program subject to the provisions of Chapter 28A.195 RCW. These students are counted for state purposes as private school students.

POLICY CONSIDERATION

Approval under RCW 28A.195.040 and Chapter 180-90 WAC.

EXPECTED ACTION

The private school list will be available, for review, at the staff table during the meeting. Request that the schools listed, having met the requirements of RCW 28A.195 are consistent with the State Board of Education rules and regulations in chapter 180-90 WAC, be approved as private schools for the 2009–10 school year.