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Title:	<u>Approval of Private Schools</u>	
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Policy Considerations / Key Questions:	Private school approval under RCW 28A.195.040 and Chapter 180-90 WAC.	
Possible Board Action:	<input type="checkbox"/> Review <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Materials Included in Packet:	<input type="checkbox"/> Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Graphs / Graphics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Third-Party Materials <input type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint	
Synopsis:	The application for approval of private schools includes a State Standards Certificate of Compliance and documents verifying that the school meets the criteria for approval established by statute and regulations. OSPI verifies the applications of the private schools and recommends those that are ready for consideration of approval by the Board. The list of private schools to be considered for approval is located in your packet.	

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.

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 schools herein listed, having met the requirements of RCW 28A.195 and are consistent with the State Board of Education rules and regulations in chapter 180-90 WAC, be approved as private schools for the 2011-12 school year.