



Accrediting Agencies Whose Schools Have Reduced Reporting Requirements

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Minnesota nonpublic schools (traditional private schools or homeschools) that are directly accredited by any of the following organizations are eligible for reduced reporting requirements to the superintendents of the districts where their students reside, as outlined in Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.22, Minnesota Compulsory Instruction Law. These schools are eligible because their accrediting organization has been recognized by the Minnesota Nonpublic Education Council or the Commissioner of Education. [View Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.22.](#)

Please note that for purposes of Minnesota’s Compulsory Instruction Law, the accrediting organizations listed below cannot grant Minnesota recognition to other accrediting organizations with which they may have agreements or reciprocity. The Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota Nonpublic Education Council have recognized these organizations only for the direct accreditation review and recognition they provide to their own schools and/or instructors. Agreements some accrediting organizations have with one another do not imply or transfer Minnesota recognition or reporting exemptions to any organization that has not directly requested and received recognition by the Minnesota Department of Education or the Minnesota Nonpublic Education Council. ***In short, if the organization is not listed here, it is not recognized by the state of Minnesota for reduced reporting requirements. Likewise, local school districts may not modify state reporting requirements by creating local standards that add or delete organizations from this list.***

Even though they are exempt from some reporting requirements, schools directly accredited by the following accrediting organizations are still required by Minnesota state law to report by October 1 of each year the name, birth date and address of each child receiving instruction to the superintendent of the district in which the child resides.

Nonpublic School Accrediting Organization	Address	Other Contact Information	Expires July 1
Accrediting Association of Seventh Day Adventist Schools Colleges and Universities	Minnesota Conference 7384 Kirkwood Court Maple Grove, MN 55369	John Badell Call: 763-424-8923 Email: jbedell@mnsda.com Melisa Mauck mmauck@mnsda.com Website: www.mnsda.com	2023

Nonpublic School Accrediting Organization	Address	Other Contact Information	Expires July 1
AdvancED (formerly Minnesota North Central Association)	AdvancED Midwest Regional Office 121 East Rosser Ave. Bismarck, ND 58501	Elaine Baumann, Director Call: 1-888-413-3669 x5754 Email: ebaumann@advanc-ed.org Website: www.advanc-ed.org	January 6, 2022
American Association of Christian Schools	02 Belvoir Avenue East Ridge, TN 37412	Dr. Jeff Walton Call: 423-629-4280 Email: jwalton@aacs.org Website: www.aacs.org	2023
Association of Christian Schools International	6755 Weaver Road, Suite 1 Rockford, IL 61114	Dr. Jeff Mattner ACSI Mid-America Regional Director Call: 815-282-7070 Email: jeff_mattner@acsi.org Website: www.acsi.org	2023
Christian Schools International	3350 E Paris Ave SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512	Sheryl L. Jo Director of School Improvement Call: 616-957-1070 ext 234 Email: sjo@csionline.org	March 3, 2022
Home Based Educators Accrediting Association, Inc.	4939 140th Street W Apple Valley, MN 55124	Ardis Skoglund Call: 952-935-9234 Email: hbeaaoffice@gmail.com Website: www.hbeaa.org	2023
Green Apple Accrediation of Children's Services	9521 Shellie Road, Unit 13 Jacksonville, FL 32257	Freda Stevens President and CEO Call: 954-256-9254 Ext. 277 Email: info@gaacs.org Website: www.gaacs.org	May 15, 2020
Independent Schools Association of the Central States	1165 North Clark St., Suite 11 Chicago, IL 60601	Kevin M. Rooney Director of Accreditation Services Call: 312-750-1190 Email: kevin@isacs.org Website: www.isacs.org	2022

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International Christian Accrediting Association	2448 E. 81st Street, Suite 600 Tulsa, OK 74137	Dr. Donnie Peal, Director Call: 918-493-8880 Email: donpeal@oru.edu or icaa@oru.edu Website: www.icaa.us	2020
Minnesota Nonpublic Schools Accrediting Association	205 Lexington Ave S New Prague, MN 56071	Sarah Mueller, Executive Director Call: 952-758-5985 Email: smueller@mnsaa.org	2022
National Lutheran School Accreditation – The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod	International Center 1333 S. Kirkwood Road St. Louis, MO 63122	Terry Schmidt, Director of Schools Call: 314-996-1292 Email: terry.schmidt@icms.org or kathy.fangmann@icms.org Website: www.lcms.org	May 16, 2019
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod School Accreditation	2929 North Mayfair Road Milwaukee, WI 53222	Tom Plitzuweit, Executive Director Call: 414-256-3221 Email: tom.plitzuweit@wels.nett	2023