

MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM:

Janet Barresi

DATE:

October 27, 2011

SUBJECT:

Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Approval is requested for St. Eugene Catholic School, an Oklahoma Conference of Catholic Schools accrediting Association (OCCSAA) private school, wishing to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship for Students with Disabilities program.

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September 26, 2011

Ms. Anita Eccard, Associate State Director Oklahoma State Department of Education 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Room 412 Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Ms. Eccard:

Please accept this letter as notification that The Catholic School of St. Eugene intends to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program. The Catholic School of St. Eugene is located in Oklahoma City, and serves students who are 3 years old through the 8th grade.

Before accepting a student with disabilities The Catholic School of St. Eugene interviews the student and his/her parents or legal guardian to insure that the services we provide can best serve the student, both academically and socially. In addition, to insure that we are aware of the student's needs, we review all official documentation provided by the parent or legal guardian and/or the transferring school, such as IDPs, test scores, evaluations by medical and special service professionals, etc.

The Catholic School of St. Eugene has been educating students since 1959. The school is fully accredited by the Oklahoma Conference of Catholic Schools Accrediting Association (OCCSAA). Current accreditation status began in June, 2006 and will run through June, 2013. We are in compliance with the antidiscrimination provision of 42 U.S.C., Section 2000d, and we meet state and local health and safety laws and codes. We will be academically accountable to the parent or legal guardian for meeting the educational needs of the students. We employ or contract with teachers who hold baccalaureate or higher degrees, we comply with all state laws relating to general regulation of private schools, and we will adhere to the tenets of our published disciplinary procedures prior to the expulsion of a scholarship student.

Please let me know if there is any additional information you need in order to determine the eligibility of The Catholic School of St. Eugene to participate in the scholarship program. I can be reached by phone at (405) 751-0067 or by e-mail at swilliams@steugeneschool.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Suzette Williams, Principal

The Catholic School of St. Eugene