

**South Carolina Education Oversight Committee (EOC)
Annual Standards Assurance Form**

H.4077 (R.247) as Signed by the Governor on May 18, 2018

2018-19

Document A – Application for NEW Schools to Participate in ECENC Program

Please complete the information requested below concerning your independent school. This information will be listed on the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee's website, www.eoc.sc.gov.

Independent School Name:	Ascent Christian Academy
Independent School Contact Person:	Frank Kenney
Independent School Address:	701 Main Street
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Independent School Website Address:	barefootchurch.com/aca

Please review the standards below based on H.4077 (R.247) as signed by the Governor on May 18, 2018. An "eligible school" is defined as "an independent school including those religious in nature, other than a public school, at which the compulsory attendance requirements of Section 59-65-10 may be met," and does not discriminate based on the grounds of race, color, or national origin. Please indicate whether your school has met each standard to ensure the following academic requirements are being met. The S.C. Education Oversight Committee reserves the right to request additional documentation to show the school is in compliance with state law.

STANDARDS	YES	NO
1. Offers a general education to primary or secondary school students.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is located in this state.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Has an educational curriculum that includes courses set forth in the state's diploma requirements, graduation certificate requirements (for special needs children), and where the students attending are administered national achievement or state standardized tests, or both, at progressive grade levels to determine student progress.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Has school facilities that are subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is a member in good standing of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools, the South Carolina Independent Schools Association, or the Palmetto Association of Independent Schools.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Provides a specially designed program or learning resource center to provide needed accommodations based on the needs of exceptional needs students or provides onsite educational services or supports to meet the needs of exceptional needs students, or is a school specifically existing to meet the needs of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities. Please provide a summary of the services provided based on exceptional needs of students served.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Did this school receive any grants last fiscal year (July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018) from Exceptional SC from the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Fund? Please complete Document B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. By December 31, 2018, will your school submit school-level test score results from the prior school year on national achievement tests and individual student test scores for students who received a grant from Exceptional SC in the prior school year? Please complete Document C.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. By June 30, 2019, will your school submit a compilation, review, or compliance audit of the school's financial statements as relating to the grants received and conducted by a certified public accounting firm if you receive grants from Exceptional SC between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019? Please complete Document D.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I assure that all documents submitted to the SC Education Oversight Committee for the purpose of applying as an eligible school, as defined by state law, is true, accurate, and complete under penalty of perjury in accordance with Section 16-9-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Signature: _____

Frank Kenney

Date: _____

6/13/18

Print Name of Signature Above: _____

FRANK Kenney

Title: _____

Principal

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Ascent Christian Academy Statement of Services for Students with Special Needs

ACA is committed to partnering with families to provide the best possible education for every student that walks through our doors. We understand the important choice our parents make in placing their children in Ascent Christian Academy. Our mission statement is that ACA educates and leads students to an enthusiastic commitment to Christ that inspires them to impact their world in powerful ways. As the principal one of my important messages for the year is that we operate in a perfect circle. God is the top of the circle, and the rest of the circle is connected by the superintendent, principal, teachers, students, and parents. This circle reflects unity, and together as one this school is going to be the best that we can be. If the circle is broken in any part, we will not be a very strong school. In our vision statement, students at ACA are challenged to become leaders who achieve academic excellence as they effectively prepare to use their gifts and abilities to follow God's purpose for their lives. We want to provide this high-quality education for every type of student that walks through ACA and will take into consideration the individual needs of each student.

ACA is a brand-new school for the 2018-2019 school year, that is going to offer students an incredible Christian leadership and service opportunities. Our school will offer individualized services and accommodation plans for those students who have been diagnosed with a special need. We accept recommendations and existing Individualized Education Plans from school psychologists for students who have a specific diagnosis and, along with the parents. This will allow us to create an individual service plan for each student while attending ACA. If a student presents difficulties or areas of concern while enrolled, we will work with the parents to identify specific learning disabilities through proper evaluation. We will provide referrals to private school psychologists as well as working with our local school district to identify these learning disabilities. ACA will work with our families to develop individual service plans for our students who are identified with specific learning disabilities. Our service plan team will consist of the superintendent, principal, resource

teacher, classroom teacher, and parents. We have some students that are enrolled at ACA that have been diagnosed with Autism, ADD, ADHD, and other types of specific learning disabilities.

The accommodations available at Ascent Christian Academy include (but are not limited to):

1. Preferential seating
2. Providing visual clues and organizers
3. Frequent or multiple breaks during testing
4. Small group instruction
5. Separate setting for tests
6. Use of manipulatives
7. Oral testing
8. Extended time on assessments and tests
9. Ability to provide recorded lectures, photograph notes, and study guides
10. Alternate test formats or reduction in number of questions
11. Accommodation of onsite speech therapy
12. Curriculum modifications as deemed necessary by the IEP team

**Document B
Grants Received**

**Application for NEW Schools to Participate in
Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Program
2018-2019**

Independent School Name: Ascent Christian Academy

An independent school participating the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children for Fiscal Year 2018-19 is required to submit the following information:

Total number of grants and total amount of grants received in the preceding fiscal year, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Please complete the following chart. If no grants for any qualifying student were received from Exceptional SC in Fiscal Year 2017-18, which should apply to NEW schools participating in the ECENC program, please indicate with "0" grants received and "\$0" in total amount of grants received.

Total Number of Grants Received	Total Amount of Grants Received
0	\$ 0

Total number of grants is the number of individual children/students who received a grant even if the school received more than one grant for a specific child/student. The total amount of grants per child/student should not have exceeded \$11,000.

Document C
Student Assessment Data

**Application for NEW Schools to Participate in
Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Program
2018-2019**

Independent School Name: Accent Christian Academy

By state law, schools participating in the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program are required to submit the following:

Student test scores, by category, on national achievement or state standardized tests, or both, for all grades tested and administered by the school receiving or entitled to receive scholarship grants pursuant to this section in the previous school year. The school shall also provide individual student test scores on national achievement or state standardized tests, or both, for any student in grades one through twelve who received a grant from the program during the prior school year. The information must be used to provide program level reports to determine whether students participating in the program have experienced measurable improvement. Students with disabilities for whom standardized testing is not appropriate are exempt from this requirement.

Section 12-6-3790(E)(1)(b)

The information will be used to issue an annual report.

Annually, the Education Oversight Committee shall issue a report to the General Assembly documenting the impact of the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program on student achievement. In addition, the report must include information on individual schools if at least fifty-one percent of the total enrolled students in the private school participated in the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program in the prior school year. The report must be according to each participating private school, and for participating students, in which there are at least thirty participating students who have scores for tests administered. If the Education Oversight Committee determines that the thirty participating-student cell size may be reduced without disclosing personally identifiable information of a participating student, the Education Oversight Committee may reduce the participating-student cell size, but the cell size may not be reduced to less than ten participating students.

Section 12-6-3790(E)(6)

Therefore, schools applying for participation in the ECENC Program for the first time in 2018-19 must provide the following to the EOC by **December 31, 2018**:

School-level assessment results for school year 2017-18 on national achievement tests for all grades tested in the school and for each grade with at least 10 students tested. Information should be provided for English language arts (reading) and mathematics achievement of students in the grade. Examples include: *TerraNova*, *Stanford 10*, *Iowa Test of Basic Skills*, etc. For grades 9-12, the school may provide average PSAT, SAT, ACT, or other scores as appropriate. Since your school did not participate in the ECENC program in the prior school year, 2017-18, you are **not** required to submit **individual student test scores** on national achievement tests.

For schools that specifically exist to meet the needs of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities, the EOC will work with the schools to provide information (including formative assessments, portfolios, etc.) that document the students' academic and social development.

How many students were enrolled in your school in 2017-18? 0

The following is a **template** that you may use for reporting purposes. For questions, please contact the EOC office.

**2017-18 School Year Results for (NAME OF ASSESSMENT)
National Percentiles, Mean (Average) Scale Scores, Grade Equivalents, etc.**

Grade	English language arts (Reading)	Mathematics
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

**Document D
Compilation, Review or Compliance Audit**

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Independent School Name: Ascent Christian Academy

An independent school applying to participate in the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program is required to submit the following information:

a copy of a compilation, review, or compliance audit of the organization's financial statements as relating to the grants received, conducted by a certified public accounting firm. (Section 12-6-3790)

By law the compilation, review or compliance audit will be posted online at www.eoc.sc.gov.

Please answer the following questions:

	YES	NO
Did your school receive from Exceptional SC any grants in the prior fiscal year, between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes , will your school submit to the EOC a compilation, review, or compliance audit of the school's financial statements as relating to the grants received during the prior fiscal year and conducted by a certified public accounting firm by December 30, 2018 ? Failure to provide the compilation, review or compliance audit will result in your school's removal as an eligible school under the ECENC program.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If No , will your school submit to the EOC a compilation, review, or compliance audit of the school's financial statements as relating to the grants received and conducted by a certified public accounting firm by June 30, 2019 if you receive grants from Exceptional SC between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019? Failure to provide the compilation, review or compliance audit will result in your school's removal as an eligible school under the ECENC program.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>