

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 Continued Participation 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:	Ridge Christian Academy
Independent School Contact Person:	Gentry Ard
Independent School Address:	2168 Ridge Church Rd
City, State, Zip Code:	Summerville, SC 29486
Independent School Telephone Number:	(843)-873-9856
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Independent School E-mail Address:	RidgeChristian.info
Independent School Website Address:	RidgeChristian.info

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. Please	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 December 31, 2018, will your school provide 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"? 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: Gentry Ard

Date: 6-18-18

Print Name of Signature Above: Gentry Ard

Title: Principal

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Return this form to Melanie Barton

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Ridge Christian Academy

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To Whom It May Concern:

We currently serve students with the following disabilities: hearing impairment, ADD, ADHD, mild intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, developmental disorders, fetal alcohol syndrome, anxiety, emotional and social disorders, Tourette's, and other learning disabilities with reading, writing and mathematics. These students have at least one or more of these specific diagnoses.

Services we provide for our students:

- Smaller class sizes
- Resource
- Tutoring
- Homework Room
- Specialized testing services
- Modifications in the educational program to include curriculum and teaching methods
- If the student needs to have a speech therapist or any other therapist services, times are scheduled with the teacher and therapist to better serve the student's needs.
- Technology Based education if needed for individual student-based needs



**Document B
Grants Received**

**Application for Continued Participation
Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Program
2018-2019**

Independent School Name: Ridge Christian Academy

An independent school continuing to participate in 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, please indicate with "0" grants received and "\$0" in total amount of grants received.

Total Number of Grants Received	Total Amount of Grants Received
27	\$ 112,656.25

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 Continued Participation
Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Program
2018-2019

Independent School Name: Ridge Christian Academy

An independent school applying for continued participation in the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program for Fiscal Year 2018-19 is required to submit the following information **by December 31, 2018**:

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)

Schools applying for continued participation in the ECENC Program must provide the following:

- 1. 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.

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? 120

The following is a **template** that you may use for reporting purposes. For questions, 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	Stanford Achievement	Stanford Achievement
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

- 2. Individual student test scores** on national achievement tests for any child who received a grant from the program during the 2017-18 school year. No personally identifiable information will be published; instead, the information will be aggregated at the school or state level as stipulated in law.

Each school will have access to a secure data portal to upload individual student assessment results, which will include personally identifiable information. The portal will capture, at a minimum, the following information:

- Name of the student who received a grant from Exceptional SC in the prior school year along with data including date of birth, sex, grade level, etc. to ensure that the assessment results can be matched to the individual student who received a grant;
- For each student who received a grant, the results of a national assessment or assessments in 2017-18 and if possible, in 2016-17 as well to document academic growth. The name of the assessment as well as scale scores for students or national percentile ranks must be included; and
- If a student received a grant but due to the student's exceptional needs was not able to be assessed with a national assessment, the school must provide an explanation by student of the reason why a national assessment was not administered and how the school is measuring academic and personal growth for each student not assessed.

Please identify one staff person from your school who will provide the individual student test scores from this school:

Name:

Maria Bray

Title:

Asst. Principal

Telephone Number:

843-873-9856

Email Address:

maribray68@gmail.com

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

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

Independent School Name: Ridge 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>