

**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](http://www.eoc.sc.gov).

Independent School Name:	Westside Christian Academy
Independent School Contact Person:	Allison McMickell / Angie Rickard
Independent School Address:	554 Pinewood Road
City, State, Zip Code:	Sumter, SC 29154
Independent School Telephone Number:	(803) - 775 - 4406
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Independent School E-mail Address:	wcaoffice@wcasumter.org
Independent School Website Address:	www.wcasumter.org

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: Allison McMickell

Date: 9/21/18

Print Name of Signature Above: Allison McMickell

Title: Middle School Principal

Email: allison.mcmickell@weasumter.org

**Return this form to Melanie Barton**

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August 20, 2018

## **Statement of Services for Special Needs Students**

Westside Christian Academy is committed to partnering with families to provide the best possible education for all students enrolled. We recognize that the parents come first when making educational choices for their children. It is part of our mission to come alongside our parents to aid them in providing high quality education for their children that takes into consideration the individual needs of each student.

Westside Christian Academy is a traditional independent school that offers individual 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, will prepare an individualized plan for accommodations for each identified student. If a student presents difficulties or areas of concern while enrolled, we work with the parents to identify specific learning disabilities through proper evaluation. Westside Christian Academy does not have a school psychologist so we provide referrals to private school psychologists as well as working with our local school district to identify these learning disabilities. We develop accommodation plans for students that are identified by a licensed psychologist or medical professional. The team that develops these plans usually consists of someone from the administrative team, the classroom teacher(s), and the parents.

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

- Alternate test setting
- Additional or unlimited time on tests
- Ability to record lectures and photograph notes
- Oral testing
- Large print testing and assignments
- Small group instruction
- Alternate test formats or reduction of number of questions
- Teach and model skills and strategies such as time management, organization, and self monitoring

These accommodations are given at the recommendation of the medical professional

**Document B  
Grants Received**

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

**Independent School Name:** Westside 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.

<b>Total Number of Grants Received</b>	<b>Total Amount of Grants Received</b>
8	\$5,160.28

(4 - Fall 2017 / 4 - Spring 2018)

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:** Westside 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?** 274

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	Not tested	—
2	Not tested	—
3	IOWA Testing/Cogat Administered	
4	IOWA / Cogat Testing Administered	
5	IOWA / Cogat Testing Administered	
6	IOWA / Cogat Testing Administered	
7/8	IOWA / Cogat Testing Administered	

- 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:**

Allison McMickell

**Title:**

Middle School Principal

**Telephone Number:**

(803) 775-4406

**Email Address:**

allison.mcmickell@wcasumter.org

**WESTSIDE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
**2017-2018 School Year Results for IOWA Assessment**

Grade		English/Reading	Mathematics
3	National Percentile Rank	53	38
	Average Standard Score	187.2	180.2
	Grade Equivalents	3.9	3.5
4	National Percentile Rank	60	32
	Average Standard Score	207.2	190.5
	Grade Equivalents	5.3	4.2
5	National Percentile Rank	54	43
	Average Standard Score	217.5	209.9
	Grade Equivalents	6.1	5.5
6	National Percentile Rank	63	39
	Average Standard Score	237.8	219.5
	Grade Equivalents	7.7	6.3
7	National Percentile Rank	79	44
	Average Standard Score	266.3	234.2
	Grade Equivalents	10.8	7.4
8	National Percentile Rank	91	67
	Average Standard Score	294.9	267.3
	Grade Equivalents	13+	10.7



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

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**2018-2019**

**Independent School Name:** Westside Christian Academy

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"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."

By law the compilation, review or compliance audit will be posted online at [www.eoc.sc.gov](http://www.eoc.sc.gov).

Please answer the following questions:

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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 <b>Yes</b> , 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 <b>December 30, 2018</b> ? 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 <b>No</b> , 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 <b>June 30, 2019</b> to the EOC if you receive grants from Exceptional SC this fiscal year 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"/>

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT  
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

To the Board of Directors and Management of  
Westside Christian Academy  
554 Pinewood Road  
Sumter, South Carolina 29154

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Board of Directors and management of Westside Christian Academy (the specified parties), on its compliance with certain requirements of the SC Education Oversight Committee in its determination of Westside Christian Academy's eligibility to participate in the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program for the year ended June 30, 2018, in the areas addressed. Westside Christian Academy's management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

- 1) We verified that all grants received under the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program were for eligible children enrolled in the school by vouching the list of students who received grants for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 to the School's attendance records.

No findings noted.

- 2) We inspected copies of checks from the Scholarship Funding Organization to determine the total amount of the grant per student from every Scholarship Funding Organization.

No findings noted.

- 3) We inspected the copies of checks from the Scholarship Funding Organization to determine that no grant exceeded \$11,000 per student during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

No findings noted.

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- 4) We inspected the School's documentation that it returned a prorated amount of the grant to the Scholarship Funding Organization when any student withdrew during the school year.

No findings noted.

- 5) We verified that the total amount of the grant was used for tuition, which is defined as the "total amount of money charged for the cost of a qualifying student to attend an independent school including, but not limited to, fees for attending the school and school-related transportation," by inspecting the students' tuition records both before and after application of the grant during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

No findings noted.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on Westside Christian Academy's compliance with the requirements of the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Westside Christian Academy, the South Carolina Department of Revenue and the SC Education Oversight Committee and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.



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Certified Public Accountants, P.A.

West Columbia, South Carolina

December 31, 2018