

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

School Year: 2019-20

**Application to Participate in
Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (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, <https://eoc.sc.gov/>.

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| Independent School Name: | BEST Skills Academy |
| Independent School Contact Person: | Marquis Flemings |
| Independent School Address: | 28 Bolt Street |
| City, State, Zip Code: | Greenville, SC 29605 |
| Independent School Telephone Number: | (864) - 977-1285 |
| Independent School Fax Number: | () - |
| Independent School E-mail Address: | mflemings@best-skills.org |
| Independent School Website Address: | Best-skills.org |

Please review the standards below that are based on Act 247 of 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." Please indicate whether your school has met or intends to meet each standard to ensure the following academic and reporting requirements are met. The South Carolina Education Oversight Committee reserves the right to request additional documentation to show the school is in compliance with state law. Failure to meet these standards or reporting requirements will result in your school being denied or removed from participation in the program.

| STANDARDS | YES | NO |
|---|------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Offers a general education to primary or secondary school students. | x | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin. | x | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Is located in this State. | x | <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. | x | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Has school facilities that are subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws. | x | <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. | X | <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. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| REPORTING REQUIREMENTS | YES | NO |
|---|----------|--------------------------|
| 1. If your school received any grants from Exceptional SC in school year 2018-19, then your school will report to the EOC the number and total dollar amount of grants received in the 2018-19 school year from Exceptional SC by September 1, 2019 . | X | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Your school will submit to the EOC by September 1, 2019 a statement of services that documents your school: (a) provides a specially designed program or learning resource to provide needed accommodations based on the needs of exceptional needs students; or (b) provides onsite educational services or supports to meet the needs of exceptional needs students; or (c) exists specifically to meet the needs of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Your school will submit to the EOC by November 15, 2019 the <u>school-level</u> assessment results for all grades in the school and for each grade with at least (10) students tested. Results should be provided for English language arts (reading) and mathematics achievement of students in each grade tested in school year 2018-19. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. If your school received grants from Exceptional SC in school year 2018-19, the school will submit by November 15, 2019 <u>individual student test scores</u> on national achievement or state standardized tests for any student in grades one through twelve who received a grant from the program during school year 2018-19. The data will be collected using a secure portal. No personally identifiable information will be published; instead, the information will be aggregated. | X | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. If your school received grants from Exceptional SC in school year 2018-19, the school will submit to the EOC 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 November 15, 2019 . | X | <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. Failure to report to the EOC the required data will result in the school being removed from the list of approved schools.

Signature: Marquis Fleming

Date: 10/30/19

Print Name of Signature Above: Marquis Fleming

Title: Exec. Director

Email: mflerings@best-skills.org

**Document A
Grants Received**

**Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Program
2019-20**

Independent School Name: Best Skills Academy

An independent school participating in the ECENC Program is required to submit the following information by **September 1**:

How many students in kindergarten through grade 12 were enrolled in your school in the prior school year? 0

What is the total number of grants and total amount of grants received in the prior school year from Exceptional SC? Please complete the following chart and sign below.

If no grants for any qualifying student were received from Exceptional SC in the prior school year, please indicate with "0" grants received and "\$0" in total amount of grants received from Exceptional SC.

| 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.

Signature: 

Date: 10/30/19

Print Name of Signature Above: Marquis Flemings

Title: Executive Director

Email: mflerings@best-skills.org

**Document B
Statement of Services**

**Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Program
2019-20**

Independent School Name: Best Skills Academy

An independent school participating in the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children is required to submit a Statement of Services by **September 1** that documents that the school:

- (a) provides a specially designed program or learning resource to provide needed accommodations based on the needs of exceptional needs students; or
- (b) provides onsite educational services or supports to meet the needs of exceptional needs students; or
- (c) exists specifically to meet the needs of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities.

Please sign below and attach a statement of services.

Signature: _____



Date: 10/30/19

Print Name of Signature Above: Marquis Flemings

Title: Executive Director

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BEST Skills Academy Accommodations

Parents wishing to enroll a child with special educational needs, must present an official diagnosis, Individual Education Plan used and any Special Education Evaluations concerning the child. BEST Skills Academy does provide accommodations for students that have Individual Education Plans and 504 plans. A list of accommodations is provided, but BEST Skills Academy is not limited to them.

Accommodations

- Extended time on assignments and assessments
- Small classroom sizes
- Private testing areas
- Speech to text
- Read to text
- Enote tools (Guided Notes)
- Frequent Breaks
- Allow calculator



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October 30, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

The 2019-2020 year is the first year that BEST Skills Academy has established itself as a private school. BEST Skills Academy is an independent school that currently enroll students from 6th to the 11th grade. The school is located in Greenville, South Carolina. Since this is the school's first year a national achievement test where not administered to students in previous years. It also means that BEST Skills Academy did not receive any national or state grants in prior years.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Marquis Flemings'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

D. Marquis Flemings