

**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/>.

<b>Independent School Name:</b>	Westside Christian Academy
<b>Independent School Contact Person:</b>	Allison McMickell / Angie Rickard
<b>Independent School Address:</b>	554 Pinewood Road
<b>City, State, Zip Code:</b>	Sumter, SC 29154
<b>Independent School Telephone Number:</b>	(803) - 775 - 4406
<b>Independent School Fax Number:</b>	(803) - 778 - 2873
<b>Independent School E-mail Address:</b>	wcaoffice@wcasumter.org
<b>Independent School Website Address:</b>	www.wcasumter.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.

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

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO
<p>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 <b>September 1, 2019</b>.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>2. Your school will submit to the EOC by <b>September 1, 2019</b> a statement of services that documents your school:</p> <p>(a) provides a specially designed program or learning resource to provide needed accommodations based on the needs of exceptional needs students; or</p> <p>(b) provides onsite educational services or supports to meet the needs of exceptional needs students; or</p> <p>(c) exists specifically to meet the needs of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>3. Your school will submit to the EOC by <b>November 15, 2019</b> 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.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>4. If your school received grants from Exceptional SC in school year 2018-19, the school will submit by <b>November 15, 2019</b> <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.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>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 <b>November 15, 2019</b>.</p>	<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. Failure to report to the EOC the required data will result in the school being removed from the list of approved schools.

Signature: Alison McMickell

Date: 2/6/19

Print Name of Signature Above: Allison McMickell

Title: Middle School Principal

Email: allison.mcmickell@wcasumter.org

**Document A  
Grants Received**

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

**Independent School Name:** Westside Christian 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?** 198

**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.

<b>Total Number of Grants Received</b>	<b>Total Amount of Grants Received</b>
<b>#</b> <u>3</u>	<b>\$</b> <u>6,313.50</u>

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:** Allison McMickell

**Date:** 9/4/19

**Print Name of Signature Above:** Allison McMickell

**Title:** Middle School Principal

**Email:** allison.mcmickell@wcasumter.org

**Document B  
Statement of Services**

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

**Independent School Name:** Westside Christian 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:** Allison McMickell

**Date:** 9/4/19

**Print Name of Signature Above:** Allison McMickell

**Title:** Middle School Principal

**Email:** allison.mcmickell@wcasummer.org



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### **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 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. 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 our students. Our IEP team usually consists of an administrator, the classroom teacher(s), the parents, and the evaluating school psychologist.

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

**WESTSIDE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
 2018-2019 School Year Results for IOWA Assessment

Grade		English/Reading	Mathematics
3	National Percentile Rank	58	43
	Average Standard Score	190.1	182.0
	Grade Equivalents	4.1	3.6
4	National Percentile Rank	58	42
	Average Standard Score	205.8	196.2
	Grade Equivalents	5.2	4.5
5	National Percentile Rank	43	29
	Average Standard Score	209.1	199.9
	Grade Equivalents	5.4	4.8
6	National Percentile Rank	42	30
	Average Standard Score	220.1	211.9
	Grade Equivalents	6.2	5.7
7	National Percentile Rank	65	43
	Average Standard Score	252.2	232.5
	Grade Equivalents	9.1	7.3
8	National Percentile Rank	80	48
	Average Standard Score	271.1	248.3
	Grade Equivalents	11.6	8.6



Certified Public Accountants, P.A.

**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, 2019, 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, 2019 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, 2019.

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, 2019.

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  
November 13, 2019