

**South Carolina Education Oversight Committee
Annual Standards Assurance Form**

S.C. Budget Proviso 109.15

**2016-2017
Document A**

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:	Northside Christian Academy
Independent School Contact Person:	Tracy Rauch
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City, State, Zip Code:	Lexington, SC 29072
Independent School Telephone Number:	(803) - 520-5656
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Independent School Website Address:	northsidechristianacademy.org

Please review the standards below based on the 2016-17 General Appropriation Act. An "Eligible school" is defined in the Proviso as "an independent school including those religious in nature, other than a public school, at which the compulsory attendance requirement of Section 59-65-10 may be met and that does not discriminate based on the grounds of race, color, religion, 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 the 2016-17 General Appropriation Act.

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 or the South Carolina Independent Schools Association.	<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. Provide evidence of services or supports.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Did this school receive any grants last fiscal year (July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2016) from any nonprofit scholarship funding organization under the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program? If Yes, then Complete Document B.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Will your school provide student test data from school year 2015-16? If Yes, then Complete Document C.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Will your school provide a compilation, review, or compliance audit of the organization's financial statements, conducted by a certified public accounting firm? If Yes, then 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 the Proviso, is true, accurate, and complete under penalty of perjury in accordance with Section 16-9-10.

Signature: Tracy S Rauch

Date: July 15, 2016

Print Name of Signature Above: Tracy S Rauch

Title: Financial Coordinator

Email: trauch@ncak12.org

Return this form to Melanie Barton

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- Mail: (P.O. Box 11867)
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Columbia, S.C. 29211 (29201)



The accommodations that we give at Northside Christian Academy are as follows:

1. Extended time on in-class writing assignments and assessments
2. Oral testing
3. Use of a scribe for in-class writing assignments and assessments.
4. Use of a laptop/iPad in class
5. Books on tape

All formal written plans come from psycho-educational testing which is completed by licensed clinical psychologists off campus as we do not do them at Prep. These formal written accommodation plans are accepted by the College Board for AP and SAT testing as well as ACT.

Document B Grants Received

Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Application 2016-2017

Independent School Name: Northside Christian Academy

An independent school applying for or continuing to participate in the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program for Fiscal Year 2016-17 is required to submit the following information:

Number and total amount of grants received from each nonprofit scholarship funding organization from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Please complete the following chart. If no grants were received from a nonprofit scholarship funding organization indicate with "0" and "\$0."

Nonprofit Scholarship Funding Organizations	Total Number of Grants Received	Total Amount of Grants Received
Advanced Carolina SFO		\$
Donors Enriching Students' Knowledge (DESK)		\$
Palmetto Kids FIRST Scholarship Program, Inc.	2	\$ 16,794.00
St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Funding Organization		\$

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 \$10,000.

Return this form & report to EOC:

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Document C

Student Assessment Data

Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children (ECENC) Application 2016-2017

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Exceptional Needs Children Program for Fiscal Year 2016-17 is required to submit the following information:

Student test scores, by category, on national achievement or state standardized tests, or

both, for all grades tested and administered by the school.

In working with its nine-member advisory committee, the EOC has determined that, to maintain

student privacy and to recognize the educational needs of students, each school must submit

the following:

- Summative assessment data from the 2015-16 school year that documents for *each grade tested* and for *each grade with at least 10 students in the grade*, the English language arts (reading) and mathematics achievement of students in the grade.

Examples include: *TerraNova, Stanford 10, Iowa Test of Basic Skills, etc.*

- For schools with less than 10 students per grade level, whole school results should be used for reporting purposes.

- For grades 9-12, the school may provide average PSAT, SAT, ACT, or other scores as appropriate.

- For Support Level III schools, those schools that specifically exist to meet the need of only exceptional needs students with documented disabilities, the EOC will work with the

Support Level III schools to provide information (including formative assessments, portfolios, etc.) that document the students' academic and social development

- Please DO NOT provide personally identifiable student information.

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

2015-16 School Year Results for TerraNova Assessment

National Percentiles Mean Scale Scores, Average Scores, Grade Equivalents, etc.

Grade **English language arts** **Mathematics**

1	69	64
2	62	71
3	73	72
4	65	50
5	77	62
6	66	56
7	66	56
8	71	60
9	69	67
10 SAT	Average 1016	

Document D

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A copy of a compilation, review, or compliance audit of the organization's financial statements, conducted by a certified public accounting firm. 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 any grants last fiscal year, between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, under the ECENC program?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If Yes, are you attaching a compilation, review or compliance audit conducted by a certified public accounting firm to this Document and submitting it to the EOC by December 30, 2016.</p> <p>Does the audit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document and verify that all grants received under the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program in 2015-16 were for eligible children enrolled in the school? • Document the total amount of each grant per child from every scholarship funding organization (SFO)? • Document that no grant exceeded \$10,000 during school year 2015-16? • Document that the independent school returned a prorated amount of the grant to the SFO if any student withdrew during the school year? <p>Also, document that the total amount of each 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."</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If No, will your school submit a compilation, review or compliance audit conducted by a certified public accounting firm by June 30, 2017 to the EOC if you receive tuition grants this fiscal year, between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017?		<input type="checkbox"/>

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August 16, 2016

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RE: Northside Christian Academy

McDowell ♦ Pearman, LLC is submitting this letter regarding Northside Christian Academy's compliance with the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program as summarized below:

1. All grants received were for eligible students who were enrolled in Northside Christian Academy for the 2015-2016 academic year.
2. Attached is a summary of grants received by Northside Christian Academy from Palmetto Kids FIRST Scholarship Program, Inc.
3. No grant exceeded \$10,000.
4. No student receiving grants during the 2015-16 academic year withdrew before the end of the academic year.
5. Grant monies used are summarized in the attached schedule. Total unexpended Funds at the end of the academic year were \$3,193.10.

Sincerely



Ben J. Pearman, CPA
McDowell ♦ Pearman LLC

NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
 GRANTS AND EXPENDITURES EDUCATIONAL CREDIT
 FOR EXCEPTIONAL NEED CHILDREN PROGRAM
 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR

		CHILD 1	CHILD 2	TOTAL
GRANT RECEIVED	PALMETTO KIDS FIRST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, INC	\$ 8,613.00	\$ 8,181.00	\$ 16,794.00
EXPENDITURES	REGISTRATION	450.00	450.00	900.00
	TUITION	4,713.00	3,852.90	8,565.90
	EDUCATIONAL THERAPIST	2,145.00	1,990.00	4,135.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>7,308.00</u>	<u>6,292.90</u>	<u>13,600.90</u>
	UNEXPENDED FUNDS	<u>\$ 1,305.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,888.10</u>	<u>\$ 3,193.10</u>