

**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.SOC.SC.gov.

Independent School Name:	Thomas Heyward Academy
Independent School Contact Person:	Marilyn Davis, Head of School
Independent School Address:	1727 Malphrus Road
City, State, Zip Code:	Ridgeland, SC 29936
Independent School Telephone Number:	(843) - 726-3673
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Independent School E-mail Address:	thaleader@hargray.com
Independent School Website Address:	thomasheyward.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.

	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.



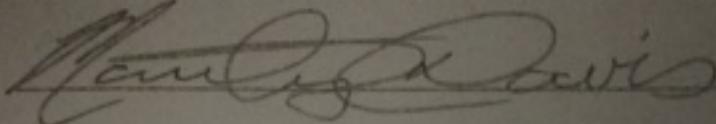
9. Will your school provide student test data from school year 2015-16? If Yes, then Complete Document C.



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.



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: 

Date: August 1, 2016

Print Name of Signature Above: Marilyn Davis

Title: Head of School

Email: thaleader@hargray.com

Return this form to Melanie Barton

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

THOMAS HEYWARD ACADEMY

Some accommodations that may be provided by Thomas Heyward Academy for exceptional needs students:

- Small class sizes
- Extra tutoring during and after regular classes
- Close contact and relationships with teachers
- Speech therapy
- Preferred seating accommodations
- Additional time for testing
- Additional time for making up work when absent due to needs
- Modified schedules
- Differentiated assignments
- Individual help
- Reading intervention
- Oral testing
- Use of laptops or computers

We have served students with ADD/ADHD, reading, writing, and math challenges, mild hearing loss, anxiety, sensory and processing issues, speech problems, and health issues such as diabetes, cancer, etc. We do not provide special testing for psychological, academic, or physical needs students. It is the parents' responsibility to seek and obtain diagnosis of conditions from professionals of their own choice.

**Document B
Grants Received**

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

Independent School Name: Thomas Heyward 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.	10	\$ 23,175.00
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.

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Document C

Student Assessment Data

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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 Stanford 10 Assessment
National Percentiles Mean Scale Scores, Average Scores, Grade Equivalents, etc.**

Grade	English language arts (Reading)	Mathematics
K	86%	73%
1	75%	83%
2	68%	74%
3	83%	87%
4	77%	73%
5	80%	78%
6	74%	84%

Document D

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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:

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"/>
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 . Does the audit: <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 201516? • Document that the independent school returned a prorated amount of the grant to the SFO if any student withdrew during the school year? 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."	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Accountants' Report

Marilyn Davis, Principal
Thomas Heyward Academy
1727 Malphrus Road
Ridgeland, South Carolina

We have examined Thomas Heyward Academy's compliance with certain requirements of the South Carolina Educational Oversight Committee for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2016. Management is responsible for Thomas Heyward Academy's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to perform certain procedures to confirm that Thomas Heyward Academy was in compliance with the following requirements:

- 1) The independent school can 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;
- 2) The independent school can document the total amount of each grant per child from every scholarship funding organization (SFO);
- 3) The independent school can document that no grant exceeded \$10,000 during school year 2015-16;
- 4) The independent school returned a prorated amount of the grant to the SFO if any student withdrew during the school year; and
- 5) 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."

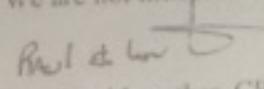
We noted no exceptions.

This engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of the procedures used is solely the responsibility of Thomas Heyward Academy. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures used to confirm the above requirements for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

We were not engaged to, and did not perform an audit, or a review, the objective of which would be to express an opinion on the compliance with certain requirements of the South Carolina Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program, as recommended by the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

The report is intended solely for the use of Thomas Heyward Academy's management and applicable State agencies, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

We are not independent with respect to Thomas Heyward Academy.


Rawl and Lowther, CPAs
July 26, 2016