

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.

Independent School Name:	<i>Grace Christian School</i>
Independent School Contact Person:	<i>Chris Martin</i>
Independent School Address:	<i>416 Denham Ave.</i>
City, State, Zip Code:	<i>West Columbia, SC 29169</i>
Independent School Telephone Number:	<i>(803) - 794 - 8996</i>
Independent School Fax Number:	<i>(803) - 739 - 1204</i>
Independent School E-mail Address:	<i>cmartin@gracelions.com</i>
Independent School Website Address:	<i>www.gracelions.com</i>

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: Chris Martin

Date: 6/28/18

Print Name of Signature Above: Chris Martin

Title: School Administrator

Email: CMartin@gracelions.com

Return this form to Melanie Barton

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Statement of Services for Special Needs Students

2018-2019

Grace Christian School 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.

Grace Christian School 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 Student Accommodation Plans (SAP) for our students. Our SAP team usually consists of the administrator, the classroom teacher(s), and the parents.

Grace Christian School is primarily able to serve students with a diagnosis of ADHD, Dyslexia, or Written Expression Disorder with accommodations to the curriculum.

The accommodations available at Grace Christian School include (but are not limited to):

- Provide written and oral directions to assignments in a step-by-step manner
- No penalty for spelling/grammar mistakes on handwritten materials or work done in class
- Allow audio books while following along with print books at home
- Provide notes structure/outline for class notes; if necessary, teacher reviews class notes for accuracy and provides notes for clarity
- Provide study guides for tests and exams
- Allow the use of a computer to type all written work
- Give advanced notice of tests and lengthy reading assignments
- Testing accommodations may include but are not limited to the following: all written evaluations are formatted with clear, large font with clear directions and adequate space; reduce distractions during test taking: keep classrooms quiet, allow the student to go to a separate room for testing; allow extended time for test taking - no time restrictions; allow student to be tested orally rather than written when beneficial; if requested, read test directions during the test (may request to have a question read as well)
- Provide breaks between exams and tests
- Help class is available upon request either after school or during study hall depending on teacher's schedule
- Work with local school districts and private providers for speech therapy

**Document B
Grants Received**

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

Independent School Name: Grace Christian School

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.

Total Number of Grants Received	Total Amount of Grants Received
6	\$5,500.50

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
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2018-2019

Independent School Name: Grace Christian School

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? 195

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		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

- 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: Chris Martin

Title: School Administrator

Telephone Number: (803) 794-8996

Email Address: cmartin@gracelions.com

Grace Christian School
2017-2018 School Year Results for Iowa Assessments
National Percentile

Grade	English Language Arts	Mathematics
K	86	77
1	67	66
2	47	58
3	82	82
4	77	53
5	68	47
6	63	46
8	60	57
10	90	82

Document D
Compilation, Review or Compliance Audit

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Independent School Name: Grace Christian School

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

“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.

Please answer the following questions:

	YES	NO
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 Yes , 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 December 30, 2018 ? 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 No , 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 June 30, 2019 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"/>

**GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
West Columbia, South Carolina**

**AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT
For Program Year Ended June 30, 2018**



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Mr. Chris Martin, School Administrator
Grace Christian School
416 Denham Avenue
West Columbia, South Carolina 29169

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Grace Christian School ("the School"), on its compliance with certain requirements of the SC Education Oversight Committee in its determination of the School's eligibility to participate in the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program for the year ended June 30, 2018, in the areas addressed. The School'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 the specified parties in this 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.

Specifically, for purposes of this report, we have performed the following procedures and noted the indicated findings:

1. Ascertained that Grace Christian School can document and verify that all grants received under the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program were for eligible children who were enrolled and attended School. We did not determine eligibility regarding disability.
 - a. We obtained documentation to verify that grants received under the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children Program were for eligible children enrolled to attend the School. We noted no findings as a result of our procedures.
2. Verified the total amount of each grant per child from each scholarship funding organization (SFO).
 - a. We compared the total of grants received for each child to the amount(s) disbursed from each scholarship funding organization (the "SFO"). We noted no findings as a result of our procedures.
3. Verified that no grant exceeded \$11,000 during 2017-18 school year.
 - a. We obtained documentation to verify that no individual student's grant exceeded \$11,000 for the 2017-18 school year. We noted no findings as a result of our procedures.
4. If applicable, we verified that the School returned to the SFO a prorated amount of a student's grant if a student withdrew from the School during the school year.
 - a. We verified that the School returned to the SFO a prorated amount of a student's grant if a student withdrew from the School during the school year. We noted no findings as a result of our procedures.

5. Verified 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.”
 - a. We obtained documentation that each grant was used for tuition. We noted no findings as a result of our procedures.

The engagement to apply the Agreed-Upon Procedures was performed in accordance with the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the School's 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 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 use of the School'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.

Martin Smith & Company CPAs PA

December 21, 2018