

Mid-South District LCMS

National Lutheran School Accreditation District Addendum

The Mid-South District LCMS requires all Tennessee schools applying for National Lutheran School Accreditation to complete this District Accreditation Addendum for accreditation and recognition by the State of Tennessee. This District Accreditation Addendum must accompany the NLSA accreditation documentation and annual report form and will be reviewed annually for approval by the District Accreditation Commission.

Please provide complete answers and necessary documentation for the following questions.

1. State Requirement: Provide a list of all courses taught and the grade levels at which they are taught.

Evidence: Please provide a listing of every course taught in every grade level.

2. State Requirement: In-service: Each school shall have a minimum of five days for in-service education per school year.

Evidence: Please provide documentation of the in-service dates and in-service activities.

3. State Requirement: Each principal or headmaster shall comply with the requirements of T.C.A. §49-6-3007 regarding reporting the names, ages, and addresses of all pupils in attendance to the superintendent of the public school system in which the student resides.

Evidence: Please complete the Non-Public School reporting Form (TCA 40-6-3007) for this reporting process. This form must be submitted to the State of Tennessee and included with this report.

4. State Requirement: The maximum enrollments for an individual class shall be specified, shall not be subject to waiver, and shall not exceed the following:

Kindergarten through grade 3: 25 students

Grade 4: 28 students

Grades 5 through 6: 30 students

Grades 7 through 12: 35 students

Vocational education, grades 7 through 12: 28 students; the average daily membership for any full-time vocational teacher shall not exceed 23 students.

Evidence: Please provide documentation of enrollment numbers by grade and class.

5. State Requirement: Testing Program. At least once every school year, each school shall give a nationally standardized achievement test covering the areas of reading, language arts, spelling, math, science, and social science to each pupil in grades 2 through 8 and grade 10; the results must be communicated to teachers and parents and kept on file at the school for one calendar year.

Evidence: Please provide documentation of the testing and communication process.

6. State Requirement: A child entering kindergarten shall be no less than five years of age on or before August 15. However, a child does not have to enroll in school at five years of age, but enrollment must occur no later than the child's sixth birthday.

(b) Any transfer student applying for admission who was legally enrolled in an approved kindergarten in another state and who will be five years of age no later than December 31 of the current school year, shall be enrolled.

Evidence: Please provide your enrollment policy.