LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF SCHOOL CHOICE

Nonpublic School Approval Process: Accreditation Organizations

RS 17:4021 lists accrediting agencies as Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) accreditation organizations; Cognia accreditation organizations; National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) accreditation organizations; Louisiana Montessori Association (LMA); and the Diocese and Archdiocese in which the school is located.

Bulletin 741 Nonpublic lists the following designations for BESE-approved schools:

1. ***Accredited Approved:*** The school is currently accredited by SACSCOC, Cognia, or NAIS and meets all other criteria for BESE approval;
2. ***Non-Accredited Approved:*** The school is not currently accredited by SACSCOC, Cognia, or NAIS, but has met all other criteria for BESE approval;
3. ***Louisiana Montessori Accredited Approved:*** The school meets LMA's accreditation requirements and all other criteria for BESE approval; and
4. ***Louisiana Montessori Provisionally Accredited Approved:*** The school is actively working towards meeting LMA's accreditation requirements, but has met all other criteria for BESE approval;

The table below outlines all accrediting agencies that qualify a school for the *Accredited Approved, Louisiana Montessori Accredited Approved*, or *Louisiana Montessori Provisionally Accredited Approved* designations.

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and Cognia Accreditation	National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) Accreditation Organizations
Lead Partners: 1. Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) 2. International Christian Accrediting Association (ICAA) 3. National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) 4. International League of Christian Schools (ILCS) 5. National Christian School Association (NCSA) 6. Alabama Independent Schools Association (AISA) 7. South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) **Integrative Partners:** 8. Christian Schools International (CSI) 9. Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)	1. Independent School Association of the Southwest (ISAS) 2. Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES) 3. Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA)
	Louisiana Montessori Association (LMA)
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	Lumen Accreditation The Catholic University of America
	1. The Catholic Diocese of Lafayette 2. The Catholic Diocese of Shreveport 3. The Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge

10. Independent School Association of the Central States (ISACS) 11. Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association (OCSAA) 12. Christian Schools of Florida (CSF) 13. American Montessori Society (AMS) 14. National Independent and Private School Associations (NIPSA) 15. Texas Catholic Conference (TCC) 16. Tennessee Association of Christian Schools (TACS) 17. Association of Independent Schools of Florida (AISF) 18. Mississippi Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) 19. Florida Coalition of Christian Private Schools Accreditation (FCCPSA) 20. Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS) 21. Catholic School Accreditation Association (CSAA) **Affiliate Partners:** 22. Council of Islamic Schools in North America (CISNA) 23. International Center for Integral Formation (ICIF) 24. Mennonite Education Agency (MEA)	