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INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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The Council on Educational Standards and Accountability exists to motivate, support and hold accountable Christian schools that aspire to superlative academic standards, institutional best practices and collaboration with like-minded schools.

The Council on Educational Standards and Accountability is a voluntary organization serving schools from the United States and around the world. CESA welcomes as full members of Council elementary and secondary Christian schools that are fully accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting body and who have met the CESA Standards of Accountability. While CESA enjoys a dual-accreditation agreement with Cognia, we strongly recommend that schools pursuing CESA membership maintain accreditation with another accrediting body.

Schools wishing to become members of CESA should first review the standards on our website (www.cesaschools.org). If standards achievement appears to be attainable for your school in a number of years, we welcome your application to CESA. Below is a description of the candidate status and then an application follows.

STEPS TO MEMBERSHIP

- All interested schools must complete the CESA Application for Membership. Once the application is completed, the Executive Director or Director of Institutional Review will schedule a call with the school.
- Once the Executive Director and Institutional Review Director approve the application, the school will become a Provisional School in candidate status.
- Once the school's application has been approved, the school will be invoiced \$2,000 for the Application Fee and will pay 50% dues annually as if they were a full CESA member school. Annual members are billed on July 1st for the upcoming year. If a school applies during the school year, their dues for that year will be prorated.
- Provisional status will give the school full rights and privileges of a CESA member school. The school and its faculty may attend CESA-only events and receive the latest research and publications as a CESA member.
- A Provisional School is one that has committed to completing an on-site Institutional Review, and subsequently submitting a Standards Achievement Plan (SAP) for review by the Board of Directors within the next two years.
- All Institutional Review components and approval by the Board of Directors are required in full before being considered a Member of Council. Provisional Schools may not promote themselves as being a "CESA School," "Member of Council", or any other official or unofficial CESA designation, including the display of the CESA logo or links on the schools' website.

CESA CANDIDATE APPLICATION

1. INSTITUTION INFORMATION

Institution Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Date of Founding (month/year): _____

Institution Website: _____

Head of School: _____

Head of School's E-mail: _____

2. SCHOOL PROFILE

Check one:

____ International

____ Domestic

Check one:

____ Coed

____ Boys only

____ Girls only

Check one:

____ Boarding

____ Day School

Grade Levels Served: _____

Current Year Enrollment: _____

Preschool: Boys: _____ Girls: _____

Grades K-5: Boys: _____ Girls: _____

Grades 6-8: Boys: _____ Girls: _____

Grades 9-12: Boys: _____ Girls: _____

Total Enrollment: _____ Annual Operating Budget: _____

3. ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

Name of Accrediting Body/Organization: _____

Date of Current Accreditation: _____

Date Current Accreditation Expires: _____

Date of Most Recent Evaluation Visit: _____

Do you plan to pursue Cognia dual accreditation? _____ Yes _____ No

4. DENOMINATION AFFILIATION

What is your school's denomination affiliation? _____

5. SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Assistant to the Head: _____

E-mail: _____

Business Manager: _____

E-mail: _____

Director of Admissions: _____

E-mail: _____

Director of Development/Advancement: _____

E-mail: _____

Director of Communications/Marketing: _____

E-mail: _____

Lower School Head: _____

E-mail: _____

Middle School Head: _____

E-mail: _____

Upper School Head: _____

E-mail: _____

Academic Dean/Director of Curriculum: _____

E-mail: _____

Head of College Guidance: _____

E-mail: _____

Board Chair: _____

E-mail: _____

Other: _____

E-mail: _____

Other: _____

E-mail: _____

Other: _____

E-mail: _____

6. STATEMENT OF FAITH

We, as an institution, adhere to the tenets of the Nicene Creed and affirm that all faculty, staff, administration, and board members affirm the beliefs therein.

Does your school support the CESA statement of faith? _____ Yes _____ No

Please sign or type in the following signatures:

Head of School: _____ Date: _____

Board Chair: _____ Date: _____

Schools interested in becoming a Candidate School should send the documents to Dr. Katie Wiens at kwuens@cesaschools.org. Each application will be fully reviewed to determine the institution's eligibility for candidate status.

_____ Accreditation certificate from nationally recognized accrediting body

_____ This completed application

7. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Provisional schools will pay 50% dues. Once a school becomes a full Member of Council, they shall pay full membership fees. The CESA member fee structure is based on an institution's annual operating budget. Members of Council and provisional schools pay membership fees annually. Members are billed on July 1 for the upcoming year. The fee structure is as follows:

- Up to \$1.5 million – \$2150
- \$1.5 to \$3 million – \$3650
- \$3 to \$4 million – \$4450
- \$4 to \$5 million – \$5100
- \$5 to \$6 million – \$5600
- \$6 to \$7 million – \$6500
- Over \$7 million – \$6750