ACCREDITED NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN TEXAS

Accrediting associations recognized by the commissioner of education to accredit non-public schools in Texas have formed the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission (TEPSAC). Member associations of TEPSAC serve in an advisory capacity to the commissioner of education concerning the accreditation of non-public schools and recommending accrediting associations in Texas.

The accreditation of non-public schools in Texas is a function of TEPSAC and is recognized by the commissioner of education as having standards comparable to 19 TAC Chapter 97. Student credits earned in non-public schools accredited by the member associations of TEPSAC are transferable to Texas public schools. Teacher service in accredited non-public schools has been recognized for salary increment purposes in Texas public schools. The accreditation of non-public schools under this arrangement became effective on February 12, 1986. Accreditation of non-public schools directly by The Texas Education Agency ceased after May 31, 1989.

The accredited non-public schools are listed under the county in which they are located. Accredited Catholic schools are listed by the county in which the (Arch) Diocese is located.

All schools listed on the following pages are currently accredited by associations that are members of TEPSAC. Information about these schools and procedures for becoming an accredited non-public school should be obtained from:

Texas Private School Accreditation Commission (TEPSAC) 10810 Dreamland San Antonio, TX 78230-4204 (210) 979-6410 www.tepsac.com

The most current information on non-public schools accredited by the member associations of TEPSAC is available at the following TEA website: <u>http://AskTED.tea.state.tx.us</u>. Future editions of the printed *Texas School Directory (TSD)* will not include this detailed information, but it will continue to be available on the TEA website. It is also expected that TEPSAC will be developing its own website, and that future editions of the *TSD* will reference that website address. Additionally, websites currently available for each of the accrediting associations are noted on the following page.