

ACCREDITED NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2004-2005

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. Information about these schools and procedures for becoming an accredited non-public school should be obtained from:

Texas Private School Accreditation Commission (TEPSAC)
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The most current information on non-public schools accredited by the member associations of TEPSAC is available at the following website: <http://www.tepsac.com/directory/index.htm>. Additionally, websites currently available for each of the accrediting associations are noted on the following page.

TEXAS PRIVATE SCHOOL ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

Accreditation Commission of the Texas Association
of Baptist Schools (ACBS)

Dr. Randy Wood
P.O. Box 97215
Waco, TX 76798-7215
(254) 710-2410
www.baylor.edu/ACTABS

Accreditation Commission of the Texas Association
of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

John S. Craig, Director
13739 Omega Road
Dallas, TX 75224
(972) 991-2822
www.acsi.org

Texas Alliance of Accredited Private Schools (TAAPS)

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The Village School
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Houston, TX 77077
(281) 496-7900
www.taaps.org

Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS)

Dr. R. Jay Nelson, Executive Director
1445 North Boonville Avenue
Springfield, MO 65802-1894
(417) 862-2781
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Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS)

Geoffrey C. Butler, Executive Director
4700 Byrant Irvin Court, Suite 204
Fort Worth, TX 76107
(817) 569-9200
www.isasw.org

International Christian Accrediting Association (ICAA)

Tom Agnew, Executive Director
7777 S. Lewis
Tulsa, OK 74171
(918) 495-6163
FAX: (918) 495-6175
www.oru.edu/oruef/icaa

Lutheran Schools Accreditation Commission (LSAC)

William Hinz, School Coordinator
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Austin, TX 78724
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www.txdistlcms.org

National Christian School Association (NCSA)

Marquita Moss, President
Brentwood Christian School
11908 Lamar Blvd.
Austin, TX 78753
(512) 835-5983
www.nationalchristian.org

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

Commissioners on Elementary, Middle and Secondary Schools
Dr. Michael Thomas, Jr./Mr. Charlie Vanatta, Directors
The University of Texas at Austin
1 University Station D5402
Austin, TX 78712-0376
(512) 471-6660
www.sacs.org

Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES)

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1420 4th Avenue, Suite 29
Canyon, TX 79015
(806) 655-2400
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www.swaes.org

Texas Catholic Conference Education Department (TCCED)

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1625 Rutherford Lane, Building D
Austin, TX 78754-5105
(512) 339-8416
www.txcatholic.org

Texas Seventh-Day Adventists School System (TSDA)

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Alvarado, TX 76009-0800
(817) 783-2223, Ext. 132
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