

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
March 15-16, 2012

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

16. Approval of an Accredited status for St. Charles Borromeo School

The Nonpublic School Accreditation Process is authorized by MS Code 37-17-7 which states that any nonpublic school may, through its governing body, request that the State Board of Education approve such institution. Accreditation shall be based upon a process promulgated by the State Board of Education; provided, however, that in no event shall the State Board of Education adopt more stringent standards for approval of nonpublic schools than the accreditation standards applied to public schools.

St. Charles Borromeo School is a Catholic School in Picayune sponsored by St. Charles Borromeo Church and is under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Biloxi. The school has been in operation since August of 2007. It provides a religious education for Pre-Kindergarten through 7th grade and focuses on each child's individual strengths, needs, and gifts.

An application for accreditation was received in the Office of Accreditation on October 2, 2007, and the school reapplied for accreditation on October 12, 2010. A site visit was conducted on October 27-28, 2010, and a follow-up visit on October 26, 2011. Currently, the school has 127 students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten through 7th grade. The school is staffed with a full-time principal, 9 classroom teachers, 3 assistant teachers, and other staff. The elementary curriculum includes reading, language arts, math, science, social studies, Latin, visual arts, music, technology, and physical education.

St. Charles Borromeo Elementary Catholic School has verified compliance with all applicable Nonpublic School Accreditation Standards for programs in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 7th.

Recommendation: Approval