

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Item
April 19-20, 2012

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

39. Approval of an Accredited Status for Millcreek of Pontotoc School

Based on nonpublic school accreditation policy 2.3, the State Board of Education approved an extended Accredited Temporary status for Millcreek of Pontotoc School on July 14, 2011. Before an Accredited status is granted, a newly applying school must be fully operational and substantiate compliance with all nonpublic school accreditation requirements. Compliance with all applicable accreditation standards for nonpublic schools has been verified for Millcreek of Pontotoc School.

Millcreek of Pontotoc School is a residential treatment program currently serving elementary and secondary students who are experiencing emotional and/or behavioral problems. Students are placed by local public school districts that do not have appropriate services for these students and may be placed by the Department of Human Services. To address their academic needs and prepare students to successfully return to their local schools, students receive specialized programming that is coordinated with the Mississippi Frameworks. The school is currently staffed with one principal, three full-time therapists, seven special education teachers, nine nurses, and eight psychiatric assistants. Currently, seventy students are enrolled.

Recommendation: Approval