

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
October 17-18, 2013

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

18. Approval of an Accredited Status for Brentwood-Crossroads 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.

Brentwood Behavioral Healthcare of Mississippi received an Accredited-Temporary status on October 19, 2012, for the Brentwood-Crossroads Day Treatment School in Flowood. Brentwood-Crossroads Day Treatment School is an individualized educational, behavioral, and treatment program for students grades 6-12 who often display either emotional and/or behavioral difficulties in school and/or at home. Students at Brentwood-Crossroads School 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. Students receive specialized programming addressing their academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs.

Brentwood-Crossroads School is staffed with a full-time Principal, one (1) full-time special education teacher, one (1) behavior consultant (Psychiatrist), one (1) licensed therapist for individual and group, and one (1) Mental Health Technician in classroom with teacher. Currently, three (3) students are enrolled. Twenty (20) students is the maximum enrollment Brentwood-Crossroads School is anticipating. As enrollment increases, the school will hire an additional special education teacher. Brentwood has been established as a satellite school established by the same governing body of an accredited nonpublic school currently on record with the State Board of Education. Universal Health Services also operates Crossroads School in Meridian.

Recommendation: Approval