



Agenda Item 4.4:
Approval of Nebraska's
Non Public Schools
State Board of Education
April 2 & 3, 2015 Meeting



NE Statute 79-318: State Board of Education shall:

. . . (c) establish rules and regulations which govern standards and procedures for the approval and legal operation of all schools in the state and for the accreditation of all schools requesting state accreditation. All public, private, denominational, or parochial schools shall either comply with the accreditation or approval requirements prescribed in this section . . .



Approval & Accreditation Standards/Rules

Based upon:

- Program of studies
- Evaluation & Improvement
- Guidance Services
- Number and preparation of teachers
- Instructional materials and equipment
- Library facilities and materials
- Health and safety factors



Rule 10 (*Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools*)

- All public schools must be accredited
- Any nonpublic school may elect to become accredited, and, if so, follows Rule 10 guidelines



Rule 14 (*Regulations & Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools*)

- All nonpublic schools must be approved
- After one year of approved status, a school may elect to move to accredited status



AdvancED Accreditation

Optional

- Regional Accreditation
- Recognized Internationally
- Approximately 63% of our public school systems have AdvancED accreditation beyond Rule 10
- Approximately 47% of our accredited nonpublic systems are AdvancED accredited



Major Concepts of Rule 14 & 10

- Equitable Opportunity
- Quality
- Accountability



Exempt Schools: Rules 12 & 13

- For parents or legal guardians who wish to provide their own individual plans for their own children



Summary

The schools and school systems of Nebraska come in many configurations

- State Accredited + AdvancED Accreditation
 - Rule 10 + AdvancED Standards
- State Accredited
 - Rule 10
- State Approved
 - Rule 14
- Exempt
 - Rule 12 or Rule 13

Today we are looking at the schools that are “Approved” through Rule 14