

CHCS Achieves Highest Accreditation Available Through the MPSA

Central Holmes Christian School is thrilled to announce that it has received its academic evaluation from the Mississippi Private School Association Accreditation Commission. After evaluating numerous criteria required for Accreditation, CHCS met the requirements to receive an “AA” Accreditation Rating. This is the highest Accreditation rating awarded by the MPSA.

Accreditation through the Mississippi Private School Association is comprehensive and covers the total school including physical plant, community, staff and administration, activities, and instructional personnel. The Accreditation Commission of the Mississippi Private School Associations provides for a systematic annual evaluation of member schools based on the fore mentioned standards.

In order to achieve and “AA” rating, elementary schools shall have classrooms in which no teacher shall over 28 students enrolled, unless written approval for additional students is obtained. Fifteen percent of the elementary instructional personnel shall hold class AA elementary teacher certificates. The curriculum in the elementary school should include an organized reading program in grades one through six, instruction in health and safety issues, physical fitness, fine arts (including both music and art) acquaintance with computer literacy, library and media center skills. The elementary school must also include grade level course study in math, social studies, history, science, and language arts. Elementary schools must also have a central library supervised by a trained librarian to achieve an “AA” rating. Professional personnel must be available to assist students with individual counseling as needed.

Secondary schools must have a student/teacher and professional staff ratio not exceeding twenty-five to one. The principal of a secondary school shall hold Class AA certification endorsed for secondary administration or hold endorsement received through the MPSA Leadership Institute. The secondary principal of the school shall spend at least one half of the school day performing administrative duties. Fifteen percent of secondary professional personnel shall hold Class AA certification. Each school must meet the academic needs of advanced students. The school shall have on staff a person who holds MPSA certification in guidance. This personnel shall be available for counseling on at least a part-time basis. The secondary school shall have a certified librarian or a certified teacher serving as librarian and assigned to the library at least one half of the school day. The library should be open for use by students and teachers before and after school.