



Press Release

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WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ARCHIVES HARD-EARNED ACCREDITED STATUS

OVERLAND PARK, KS—June 25, 2009—Westminster Christian Academy has been fully accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), effective July 1, 2009, following a rigorous preparatory and evaluation process, which was led by Principal Kathleen Sievert. Westminster enrolls 250 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 10th grade. Westminster is a ministry of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (PCA), which founded the school over 10 years ago. WCA is committed to Christ-centered education with academic excellence in a nurturing environment on the 20-acre campus it shares with the church, which is conveniently located in south Overland Park. WCA offers Pre-Kindergarten four mornings a week and will offer full-day and afternoon kindergarten options next year. It will also be expanding its growing high school program by adding 10th grade for 2009-2010.

ACSI accreditation provides a national benchmark for Christian schools, measuring standards, performance, integrity and quality. Schools engage in a voluntary process of self-evaluation against nationally accepted best practices and standards. This evaluative process scrutinized the following areas: philosophy and foundations, board governance, administration, personnel, instructional program, physical environment, health and safety, guidance services, family, community, and student support. The accreditation process assists schools in achieving a standard of excellence and encourages a continuous process of assessment and ongoing institutional development.

Headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, ACSI provides programs and services to strengthen and equip 5,300 member schools in over 100 nations. ACSI's accrediting standards have been formally recognized and approved by the National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA), who is a member and participant with regional accrediting associations as part of the CITA Alliance (Commission on International and Trans-regional Accreditation). ACSI also has dual or third-party accreditation agreements with the various regional accrediting bodies such as Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), North Central Association (NCA), Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA), Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (NAAS), and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). ACSI is a leader in accrediting Protestant Pre-K-12th grade private schools worldwide.

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