

AGENCY OF EDUCATION

Barre, Vermont

TEAM: School Finance

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education grant an amendment to add the disability category of Other Health Impairment (OHI) to the general and special education independent school approval for Rock Point School, Burlington, VT?

SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the State Board of Education grants an amendment to add the disability category of Other Health Impairment (OHI) to the general and special education independent school approval for Rock Point School, Burlington, VT. This approval is through June 30, 2018, to coincide with the school's NEASC accreditation period.

Approval is subject to the condition that the above captioned school immediately reports to the Agency of Education whenever any changes occur in enrollment, programs, policies, facilities, financial capacity, staffing or administration during the approval period.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 16 V.S.A. § 166 (b)
SBE rule 2228 et.seq.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. Rock Point School is a co-educational day and boarding school. The mission of Rock Point School is to provide a small, supportive educational community for teenage girls and boys, where they can become successful students and learn skills for living in a community with peers and adults.
2. Rock Point School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC), which is an accrediting body recognized by the State Board of Education pursuant to SBE rule #7320. Other than routine annual reports, the next major responsibility regarding accreditation will be the decennial evaluation visit scheduled for 2018.

3. The State Board of Education granted special education approval in the areas of Specific Learning Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorders (high functioning), and Emotional Disturbance to Rock Point on June 20, 2016. It recently came to our attention that we inadvertently omitted the disability area of Other Health Impairment (OHI).
4. The AOE special education consultant who visited Rock Point School stated the school is qualified to admit and serve students under the OHI disability category. Rock Point School serves students in grades 9-12.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: none

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