

**AGENCY OF EDUCATION
Montpelier, Vermont**

TEAM: School Finance

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education grant renewal of therapeutic independent school approval to serve students in grades K-8 and grant an amendment to add a high school program to Community Schoolhouse, Brattleboro, VT to serve students in grades 9-12?

SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the State Board of Education grants renewal of therapeutic independent school approval to serve students in grades K-8 and grants an amendment to add a high school program to Community Schoolhouse, Brattleboro, VT to serve students in grades 9-12. This approval is for five years, through June 30, 2028.

This approval is conditional on the requirement that the school reports to the Agency of Education within five business days whenever any changes occur in enrollment, programs, policies, facilities, financial capacity, staffing or administration during the approval period.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 16 V.S.A. § 166 (b)
State Board Rules 2200

1. An independent school may operate and provide elementary and secondary education if it is approved by the State Board of Education.
2. The State Board of Education shall approve an independent school if it substantially complies with the Board's rules for independent schools, promulgated as Series 2200 (Independent School Program Approval).
3. Community Schoolhouse is seeking renewal of therapeutic independent school approval to serve students in grades K-8 and an amendment to add a high school program to serve students in grades 9-12.

4. Community Schoolhouse signed an attestation confirming it meets all the independent school rules that went into effect on July 1, 2023.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: none

STAFF AVAILABLE:

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