

**AGENCY OF EDUCATION
Montpelier, Vermont**

TEAM: School Finance

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education grant an amendment to the general independent school approval for Mount Mansfield Ski Club & Academy to enable the school to expand the grades served from 7-12 to 6-12?

SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the State Board of Education grants an amendment to the general independent school approval for Mount Mansfield Ski Club & Academy to enable the school to expand the grades served from 7-12 to 6-12 for a term through June 30, 2021 to coincide with the school's current approval period; and,

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)
SBE rules 2200

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. The Mt. Mansfield Ski Club and Academy (MMSCA) is an independent day and boarding school providing educational services for up to 50 male and female students in grades 7-12. The school was founded in 1993 and has grown steadily over the past 26 years. The academy is a private, independent school that provides a quality academic program for student-athletes competing in winter sports at the elite level.
2. MMSCA offers a five-month program augmented by a summer school option in France. A subsequent amendment on February 19, 2020 enabled the school to also offer a school-year program.
3. MMSCA has requested an amendment to enable the school to expand its offerings to include sixth grade day students. No sixth graders will be able to board at MMSCA.
4. MMSCA continues to align its curricula offerings with the Common Core and the Next Generation Science Standards. MMSCA continues to implement, through the academic

staff, comprehensive grade level literacy and math instructional services as well as advanced learning opportunities through an expanded academic program.

5. MMSCA has ample qualified staff to provide instruction to sixth grade students.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: none

STAFF AVAILABLE:

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