

AGENCY OF EDUCATION
Barre, Vermont

TEAM: School Finance

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education grant an amendment to the general and special education independent school approval of The New School of Montpelier in West Glover to enable this site to change its operating status from a school-year program to a year-round program?

SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the State Board of Education grants an amendment to the general and special education independent school approval of The New School of Montpelier in West Glover, VT to enable this site to change its operating status from a school-year program to a year-round program. This approval is for four years through June 30, 2021, to coincide with the school's current approval period.

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

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 16 V.S.A. § 166 (b)
State Board Rule: 2228 et.seq.

1. The New School of Montpelier, Inc. (NSM) is an independent day facility providing educational, therapeutic, and reintegration services for male and female students ages 5-22 in grades K-12. The school was founded in 2005 and is located adjacent to the Vermont College of Fine Arts in Montpelier. NSM in the Montpelier location operates a year-round program. A second site in West Glover opened in August of 2016, to serve a maximum of eight students ages 5-22 in grades K-22. The NSM in West Glover location operates a school-year program.
2. In February of 2017, the NSM contacted the Agency of Education to request a change from a school-year program to a year-round program for the West Glover site. The students and families, along with their sending schools want the program to continue throughout the summer months. At the current time, there are five students enrolled at NSM in West Glover.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: none

STAFF AVAILABLE:

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