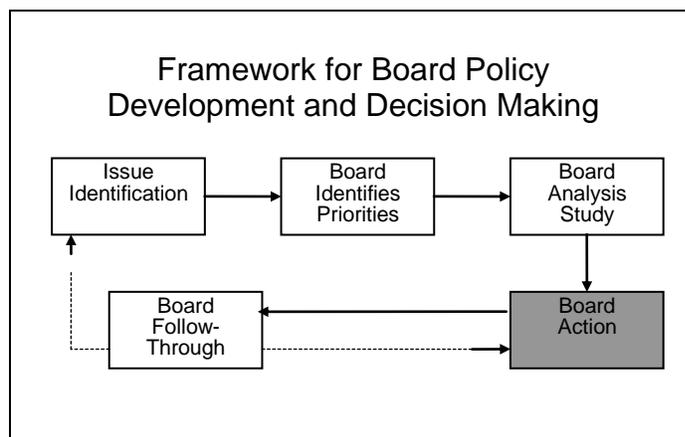


# Iowa State Board of Education

## Executive Summary

September 15, 2011



**Agenda Item:** Request for Specially Accredited Status

**Iowa Goal:** All K-12 students will achieve at a high level.

**Equity Impact Statement:** 281 Iowa Administrative Code 12.5(8) requires that each school and school district incorporate multicultural and gender fair goals for the educational program into its comprehensive school improvement plan.

**Presenter:** None (consent agenda)

**Attachments:** 1

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the request to grant Specially Accredited status to PeaceMakers Academy, (Sioux City, IA), grades 7-12.

**Background:** PeaceMakers Academy has provided evidence of Specially Accredited requirements pursuant to Iowa Code 256.11(13), including the following:

- Graduate reporting (2010-2011) including the names of graduates and the college to which the students have been accepted.
- Courses comprising the school's program: PeaceMakers Academy meets and/or exceeds the number of courses and content areas required, including the following: English/language arts (8 units), mathematics (7 units), social studies (7 units), science (7 units), foreign language (4 units). Art, drama, speech, band and physical education are elective offerings.
- The school's program in grades 7 and 8 includes English/language arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

- The school has provided a written, signed letter from the local fire marshal that the school's facilities meet required codes.
- The school has provided documentation of school staff pre-service physicals.
- The school administrator has provided a written assurance that all requirements for Specially Accredited schools are in place.

PeaceMakers Academy currently provides competent private instruction to students in grades K-6, in cooperation with the Sioux City Community School District.



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
JASON E. GLASS, DIRECTOR

DATE: September 7, 2011  
TO: Members, State Board of Education  
FROM: Jason Glass, Director  
SUBJECT: Request for Special Accreditation Approval, PeaceMakers Academy, Grades 7-12.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the request to grant special accreditation status to PeaceMakers Academy, located at 6000 Gordon Drive, Sioux City, Iowa.

PeaceMakers Academy has provided: a list of courses that comprise the school's program, including core courses in English/language arts, mathematics, science and social studies; a count of student enrollment, by grade level, for the current reporting period; a certification that the school's facility is in compliance with applicable building fire codes; a certification that staff provided proof of a pre-service physical; and certification as to the veracity of all information provided. Additionally, PeaceMakers Academy provided verification that at least 80 percent of its graduates (2011) have been accepted by an accredited four-year college or equivalent liberal arts, scientific, or technological college or university.

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