Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

March 28, 2013

Agenda Item: Request for Specially Accredited Status – Trinity Christian High School

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

State Board Role/Authority: Iowa Code section 256.11(13) authorizes the State Board of Education to grant Specially Accredited status to private high schools or combined junior-senior high schools operated for the express purpose of preparing students for college.

Presenter: None (consent agenda)

Attachments: None

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the request to grant Specially Accredited status to Trinity Christian High School, Grades 9-12

Background: Trinity Christian High School has provided evidence of Specially Accredited requirements pursuant to Iowa Code 256.11(13), including the following:

- Graduate reporting (2012): name of college at which each student has been accepted (copies of college acceptance letters provided), names of graduates.
- Courses Comprising the School’s Program: Trinity Christian High School meets and/or exceeds the number of courses and content areas required, including the following:
  - English/Language Arts (8 credits), Mathematics (6 credits), Science (6 credits), Social Studies (6 credits), Physical Education (4 credits), Computer (2 credits), Fine Arts (2 credits) Electives (10 credits). (A credit is equal to one semester of course work.)
- 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.