

ACCREDITING AGENCIES FOR RELIGIOUS EXEMPT CHILD CARE FACILITIES

Section 402.316(1), F.S., provides religious exemption from the provisions of ss. 402.301-402.319, F.S., except for the requirements regarding screening of child care personnel. This exemption applies to those child care programs "which are an integral part of church or parochial schools accredited by, or by a member of, an organization which publishes and requires compliance with its standards for health, safety and sanitation."

Following is a current list of the Accrediting Agencies for Religious Exempt Child Care Facilities maintained by the Department of Children and Families with its last known address and telephone number.

For information on becoming a religious exempt child care facility please contact one of the Accrediting Agencies listed below. For additional information on religious exemption, please contact the licensing office in your area. Contact information may be found at www.myflorida.com/childcare.

List of Religious Exempt Accrediting Agencies

	Accrediting Agency	Address and Contact Information	
1	Association of Christian Schools International	461 Plaza Drive, Suite C Dunedin, FL 34698 Contact: Patrick Mennenga, Assoc. Dir. Email: Pat_Mennenga@acsi.org	Tel: (727)734-7096 Fax:(727)734-3666
2	Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (National)	1445 N. Boonsville Ave. Springfield, MO 65802 Contact: Dr. R. Jay Nelson, Exec. Dir. Email: jnelson@actsschool.org Website: www.actsschools.org Florida Chapter Contact: Michael Burroughs Email: Mburroughs@FLOCS.org	Tel: (417) 865-4290 ext. 4290 Fax:(417) 862-3299 FLOCS Tel: (863.683.5726 x.251 Fax: 863.683.9602
3	Association of Christian Teachers and Schools	4340 N Hiawasse Road Orlando, FL 32818 Contact: Pastor George Jones Email: fpckathy@aol.com	Tel: (407) 234-5536
4	Central Florida Christian Education Association	PO Box 75431 Tampa, FL 33475 Contact: Alfonso Gallon Email: AJ_Gallon2000@yahoo.com	Tel: (813) 401-9950
5	Christian Schools of Florida	PO Box 1764 Crystal River, FL 34423 Contact: Ken Wackes Website: christianschoolsfl.org	Tel: (352) 601-3880
6	Church Avenue Academy	5800 N. Church Avenue Tampa, Florida 33614 Contact: Samuel Perez, Director Email: Samuel@todoeltiempo.org	Tel: (813) 849-6990 Fax:(813) 885-2024
7	Church of God Association of Christian Schools	3736 Cragmont Dr. Tampa, FL 33619 Contact: Reverend Roger D. Cash, Executive Director-CGACS Website: cgacs@flcog.cc	Tel: (813) 620-3366 ext. 112 Fax (813) 620-1897
8	Early Childhood Christian Education Association	PO Box 1363, Apopka, FL 32704 Contact: Margaret Burns Email: dceglobal@yahoo.com	Tel: (407) 433-3388 Fax:(407) 464-7332
9	Florida Association of Christian Colleges & Schools, Inc.	PO Box 10009 Tallahassee, FL 32302 Contact: Dr. Howard Burke, Exec. Director Email: dochgb@aol.com	Tel: (850) 422-0065 Fax: (229) 777-7709
10	Florida Coalition of Christian Private Schools Association (FCCPSA)	P.O. Box 5100 Deltona, Florida 32728-5100 Contact: Dr. Albert Daniels E-Mail: drdaniel@fdpsa.org	Tel: (772) 461-9776 Fax: (386) 789-5828
11	Florida Kindergarten Council	1211 N. Westshore Blvd., Suite 612 Tampa, FL 33607 Contact: Skardon Bliss, Accred. Director Email: fcisoffice@aol.com	Tel: (813) 287-2820 Fax: (813) 286-3025
12	Florida League of Christian Schools	PO Box 24687 Lakeland, FL 33802 Contact: Barbara Hodges, Director Website: www.flocs.org Email: bhodges@fcis.org	Tel: (863) 683-5726,ext.251 Fax:(863) 683-9602

13	Green Apple Association of Christian Schools	4611 S. University Drive Suite 406 Davie, Florida 33328 Website: www.gaacs.org Contact: Freda Stevens, Founder/President E-mail: director@gaacs.org	Tel: (954) 594-9567 Fax: (954) 680-9906
14	Light of the World Christian School	4701 N. 15th Street Tampa, Florida 33675 Contact: Pastor David Watkins Email: jesusislord47@aol.com	Tel: (813) 234-9115 Fax: (813) 234-2450
15	Miracle Faith Center	4317 North Palafox Street Pensacola, FL 32501 Contact: Supervisor Email: info@globalrevival.com	Tel: (850) 439-6225 Fax: (850) 439-6228
16	Narrow Door Pentecostal	25 N. 14th Street (PO Box 836) Haines City, FL 33845 Contact: Pablo Chaparro, President Email: Drpablochaparro@yahoo.com	Tel: (863) 421-0103 Fax: (863) 421-0102
17	National Association for Christian Education	4325 Highway 17 South Orange Park, FL 32003 Contact: Melisse Kager, President Email: melissekager@yahoo.com naaceaccreditation.com	Tel: (904) 269-2405 Cell: (904) 343-1561 Fax: (904) 264 9791
18	National Association for the Education of Young Children	1313 L. Street NW Washington DC 20005 Contact: Abena Ocran Website: accreditation.information.naeyc.org Email: AOCran@naeyc.org	Tel: (800) 424-2460 (202) 232-8777 ext. 830 Fax: (202) 232-1720
19	National Lutheran School Accreditation Florida-Georgia District	7207 Monetary Drive Orlando, FL 32809- 5753 Contact: Mark A. Brink, Exec. Director Email: mbrink@flag-lcms.org	Tel: (407) 857-5556 Fax: (407) 857-5665
20	New Beginnings Christian Center Accreditation (NBCCA)	1845 NW 38th Ave Lauderhill, FL 33311 Contact: Pastor Verna Dupont Email: newbeginnings@faith.com	Tel: (954) 485-1545 Fax: (954) 485-1447
21	Nicene Schools International, Inc.	C/O Porter Wright & Arthur 9132 Strada Place, 3 rd floor Naples, FL 34108 Contact: Agency Rep. Paul Edgar-NH, Gary Wilson-FL Website: nicene-schools-international.com/index.html Email: Pedgar@tcca-NH.com	Tel: (603) 692-7349 (NH) Fax: (603) 692-6305 Tel: 239-593-2900 (FL)
22	Papa Goose Network of Christian Nursery's	940 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave (PO Box 3862) Lakeland, FL 33802 Contact: Randolph Goosby	Tel: (863) 682-6561
23	Sonshine Association of Christian Schools, Inc.	44063 Maplewood Ct. Callahan, FL 32011 Contact: Dr. John VanDelinder Email: btbrainard@bellsouth.net Executive Director: Dr. John VanDelinder Email: jvandelinder@windstream.net	Tel: (904) 879-4700
24	The Florida CROSS "Christian Recognition of Successful Schools"	7378 W Atlantic Blvd, Suite 331 Margate, FL 33063 Contact: Joan Johnson Email: contact@floridacross.com Website: floridacross.com	Tel: (866) 562-1408