

Certification Procedures and Costs

1. Contact ACTS to inquire into certification and obtain Certification materials.
2. Complete the Application Process.
 - Obtain a letter of intent from the school administrator or governing authority of the school.
 - Choose a level of eligibility from compliance to stated standards and fill in the form.
 - Attach application fee as follows:

Level I	\$50
Level II	\$100
Level III	\$150
3. An ICSCP advisor will review and confirm compliance to basic standards. Schools applying for Level III should expect to provide travel expenses (transportation, lodging, and meals) and an honorarium for the advisor for a school review.
4. Establish an ongoing School Improvement Plan with the advisor's lead. Follow the Self-Study guidelines provided.
5. The advisor will issue a report of findings to the ICSCP Board and to the school seeking Level III Accreditation.
6. Upon approval by the ICSCP Board, Certification Status will be granted. The status is renewable for three years upon filing an annual report and payment of the annual fees of \$1 per student, \$75 minimum, \$550 maximum.

To inquire into ICSCP certification, contact:

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Association of Christian Teachers and Schools International Christian School Certification Program

Christian School Certification Program

- ◆ *Assisting your school in the pursuit of academic and spiritual excellence*
- ◆ *Thoroughly Apostolic*

The Need

God calls believers to teach and to train their children according to His Word (Proverbs 22:6; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Matthew 28:19-20). Christian schools provide one means to fulfill this biblical imperative.

But the task is challenging to say the least. Excellence in Christian education is our goal, and it is necessary to sacrifice, pray, study, attend conferences, take formal classes, and work steadily to improve the equality of our schools.

**Would you like to take yet another step
toward excellence?**

International Christian School Certification Program

The Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS) has developed a program to help you establish and reach the high standards of excellence you desire.

The International Christian School Certification Program (ICSCP) is the Christian school and preschool accrediting program of the Ministry of Education of the United Pentecostal Church International. ICSCP's mission is to be a catalyst for enhancing the quality of nonpublic education in ACTS member schools through the process of school certification.

Benefits

1. A Systematic Program for Improvement

ICSCP promotes quality, stability of operations, financial responsibility, reputable and ethical behavior, and overall professionalism in participating schools.

2. Entry-Level Recognition with a Plan for Accreditation

Schools are granted Certification Status while they work to improve school and educational quality.

3. Advisory Assistance

An advisor or an advisory team of apostolic educators will help each school. To achieve Level II or Level III, a school will have the benefit of advisors to provide counsel, visit the school, and guide school leaders during the certification process.

4. Incentives for Staff Development

Teacher Certification is offered through ACTS. Recognition and credits may be earned in the following ways:

- Christian school and public school teaching experience
- Training available through ACE, A Beka, and Bob Jones
- Credits from UPCI Bible colleges and other colleges and universities
- Credits earned through ACTS short courses and intern study

5. Christian School Philosophy

ICSCP is thoroughly Apostolic, directed by the United Pentecostal Church International through the Ministry of Education.

6. Small School Understanding

The entire certification process has been designed with smaller schools in mind. Whether schools use an individualized curriculum, a conventional curriculum, or a combination, ICSCP can be used to gain certification.

7. Preparation for Change in Private School Legislation

Forces in public education shape and will continue to shape private school policy. Not choosing to wait, ICSCP is a proactive move to raise standards, while protecting the autonomy of supporting churches and Christian schools.

8. Preparation for the Outside Funding

Vouchers may soon be available for use in private schools; grants are available for the education of students in private religious schools. One of the qualifying criteria for obtaining support is recognition by private certification agencies such as ICSCP.

9. Enhanced School Image

People often ask school officials: "Is your school certified?" Yet, certification by Government or Public agencies may mean undesirable church-state entanglement. Many private and "Christian" Certification programs demand philosophical and theological compromises apostolic schools cannot meet. ICSCP provides certification for the apostolic school. With ICSCP you can answer, "Yes, we are certified and without compromise."

10. Optional Participation

ACTS member schools may participate in ICSCP as they choose. Certified schools may expect help to improve the quality of education by their participation.