

OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
July 14-15, 2011

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

27. Approval of an Extended Accredited-Temporary Status for Millcreek of Pontotoc through April 20, 2012

On April 1, 2011, and Youth & Family Centered Services, Inc. (YFCS) became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Acadia Healthcare Company, LLC. On April 15, 2011, the State Board of Education granted a ninety (90) day Accredited-Temporary Status to all Millcreek Schools.

Based on nonpublic school accreditation policy 2.3, an Accredited-Temporary status may be assigned to a special purpose school that serves students with disabilities when (a) the special purpose school is in compliance with IDEA and relevant state regulations and (b) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

Millcreek of Pontotoc is a residential treatment program currently serving elementary and secondary students who are experiencing emotional and/or behavioral problems. Students at Millcreek of Pontotoc are placed by local public school districts that do not have appropriate services for these students and may be placed by the Department of Human Services. Students receive specialized programming addressing their academic needs, which is coordinated with the Mississippi Frameworks, to prepare students to successfully return to their local schools. Millcreek of Pontotoc is staffed with 1 principal, 2 licensed therapists, 3 unlicensed therapists, 7 special education teachers, 6 nurses, 1 director of nursing, 8 teacher/psychiatric assistants, 1 school psychologist, 2 part-time psychiatrists, 1 IEP coordinator, 1 language speech therapist, 1 program director, 1 licensed counselor, 7 psychiatric assistants, and 1 recreation therapist . Currently, 71 students are enrolled.

Recommendation: Approval