

**AGENCY OF EDUCATION
Montpelier, Vermont**

TEAM: School Finance

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education grant renewal of general and special education independent school approval, to serve youth in grades 6-12, in the disability categories of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Emotional Disturbance (ED), Other Health Impairment (OHI), Specific Learning Disability (SLD), and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), to The Mill School, Winooski, VT?

SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the State Board of Education grants renewal of general and special education school approval, to serve youth in grades 6-12, in the disability categories of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Emotional Disturbance (ED), Other Health Impairment (OHI), Specific Learning Disability (SLD), and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), to The Mill School, Winooski, VT. This approval is for two years, through June 30, 2025.

This approval is conditional on the requirement that the school reports to the Agency of Education within five business days whenever any changes occur in enrollment, programs, policies, facilities, financial capacity, staffing or administration during the approval period.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Title 16 V.S.A. § 166 (b)
State Board Rules 2200, 2228 et seq

1. An independent school may operate and provide elementary and secondary education if it is approved by the State Board of Education.
2. The State Board of Education shall approve an independent school if it substantially complies with the Board's rules for independent schools, promulgated as Series 2200 (Independent School Program Approval).
3. The Mill School is seeking renewal of general and special education independent school approval, to serve youth in grades 6-12, in the disability categories of

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Emotional Disturbance (ED), Other Health Impairment (OHI), Specific Learning Disability (SLD), and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

4. The Mill School was granted initial general and special education independent school approval on February 20, 2018 through June 30, 2021.
5. Four sections of the new independent school rules took effect upon adoption on May 10, 2022. Those rules are Rule 2223 (Procedure), Rule 2224 (Reciprocity), Rule 2226 (Application) and Rule 2227 (Approval). The Mill School has provided a signed addendum attesting to meeting these new rules.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: none

STAFF AVAILABLE:

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