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RE: Accreditation Status of Continental Academy
Fast Track Program and Home School Program

This responds to your request for information regarding the accreditation status of Continental Academy in Miramar, Florida. This letter addresses the accreditation status of the Home School Program and the Fast Track Program of Continental Academy.

Continental Academy is an accredited distance education school. The school is accredited by the *Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation (CITA)* and the *Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI)*. The school achieved its CITA and SACS CASI accreditations on July 26, 2006 and has successfully maintained its accreditation by both commissions since that date.

Continental Academy operates two separate programs each resulting in a high school diploma. They are the *Home School Program* and the *Fast Track Program*.

Fast Track Program

The Fast Track Program, intended for students 18 years of age and older, is an assessment-based program. The Fast Track Program does **NOT** meet the spirit and intent of a high school diploma program worthy of CITA and SACS CASI accreditation. Therefore, the accreditation of the Fast Track Program of Continental Academy will be withdrawn according to the following time line.

May 14, 2008: Effective date for closing the Fast Track Program to any applicant student. Following May 14, 2008, the only students who will be enrolled in the Fast Track Program will be those students who were officially enrolled in the program in advance of May 14, 2008.

May 14, 2010: Effective date for ceasing all participation in the current Fast Track Program. Any student still enrolled in the Fast Track Program on that date must transfer to the replacement program (a comprehensive diploma granting program) and must graduate according to the requirements of the replacement program.

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- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA-ASI)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-CASI)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC-ACS)
- National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA)
- National Study of School Evaluation (NSSE)
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Home School Program

The Home School Program is a comprehensive high school diploma program that is in good accreditation standing with CITA and SACS CASI. This program will maintain its accreditation status.

You may find further verification regarding the accreditation of Continental Academy at the following websites:

<http://www.citaschools.org>

<http://www.accreditedschools.org>

<http://www.advanc-ed.org> (AdvancED is the parent organization of SACS CASI.)

You are welcome to contact me with further questions.

Sincerely,
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