

# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

*Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice*



## HOPE OPERATOR DESIGNATION INITIAL CRITERIA



### Application Review Checklist

Entity Name: Somerset Academy, Inc.

Date of Review:

- ☒ IRS Determination Letter as a 501(c)3
- ☒ Operates 3 or more K12 public charter schools
- ☒ Record of serving students from low-income families
- ☒ Meets one of the following criteria:
  - ☒ Awarded a U.S. Department of Education Charter School Replication/Expansion grant within the preceding 3 years
  - ☐ Current and active grantee of National Fund of the Charter School Growth Fund
  - ☐ Charter school selected by a district school board to turnaround the performance of a low performing public school (Sec 1008.33, F.S.)

**Comments:** Somerset Academy, Inc., meets the criteria to be a Schools of Hope operator because it was awarded a U.S. Department of Education Charter School Replication/Expansion grant within the preceding 3 years; has a record of successfully serving students from low-income families; and it operates 3 or more high-performing K-12 public charter schools.

**Reviewed and approved by:** Adam Emerson, Executive Director, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice

## **Application for Hope Operator Designation**

A nonprofit organization with tax-exempt status under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that operates three or more charter schools that serve students in grades K-12 in Florida or other states with a record of serving students from low-income families may apply to the Florida State Board of Education for designation as a Hope Operator.

### **Section A: Organizational Information**

Name of Non-Profit Organization	Somerset Academy, Inc.		
IRS Federal Employer Identification Number	31-1569428		
Street Address	20801 Johnson Street		
City	Pembroke Pines		
State	Florida	Zip Code	33029
Website	www.somersetacademyschools.com	Phone Number	786-681-0874

- Attach a copy of 501(c)(3) determination letter. *Attached.*

### **Leadership**

Executive Director/CEO	Todd German		
Email	tgerman@somersetacademyschools.com	Phone	305-942-1611
Primary Contact (if different)	Suzette Ruiz		
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Board Members of Non-Profit Organization

Name	Position (President, VP, etc)	Email Address
Todd German	Board Chair / Treasurer	tgerman@somersetacademyschools.com
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Bernardo Montero	President	bmontero@somersetacademy.com
Suzette Ruiz	Vice-President	sruiz@somersetdade.com

**Section B: Criteria**

Please indicate which of the following Hope Operator criteria your organization meets:

1. The operator was awarded a United States Department of Education Charter School Program grant for Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Charter Schools within the preceding three years. Provide a copy of the award letter from the US Department of Education.

***See attached award letter dated 8/29/2024.***

2. The operator receives funding through the National Fund of the Charter School Growth Fund to accelerate the growth of the nation's best charter schools.

- Provide evidence that the operator is currently receiving funding through the National Fund of the Charter School Growth Fund. This may include a signed letter from the CEO of the Charter School Growth Fund, or a current and active grant award agreement. **N/A**

3. The operator is selected by a district school board in accordance with s. 1008.33, Florida Statutes, to turn around the performance of a persistently low-performing public school.

- Provide a signed letter from the District Superintendent, or other evidence, indicating the District selected the school pursuant to Section 1008.33, Florida Statutes, to turn around the performance of a low-performing public school. **N/A.**

### **Section C: Additional Information**

In order to demonstrate that the applicant meets the definition of Hope Operator, pursuant to Section 1002.333(2), Florida Statutes, provide the following information, for the most recent completed school year, for each public charter school that is currently operated by the applicant.

School Name: ***See attached chart.***

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Identification Number: ***See attached chart.***

Address, City, State, Zip Code: ***See attached chart.***

Grades Served: ***See attached chart.***

Total Enrollment: ***See attached chart.***

Percentage of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch: ***See attached chart.***

Authorizer Name: ***See attached chart.***



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Jan. 28, 2025

Honorable Manny Diaz  
Commissioner of Education  
Florida Department of Education  
Turlington Building  
325 W. Gaines St.  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Commissioner Diaz,

I am writing on behalf of Somerset Academy, Inc. to express our enthusiastic interest in becoming a Schools of Hope operator in Florida. Over the past two decades, Somerset Academy has consistently demonstrated its commitment to delivering high-quality education, particularly to students from low socio-economic populations, and we are eager to expand our successful model through this initiative.

Somerset Academy's educational approach is proven to effectively elevate academic performance for all students. Notably, a study conducted by the Center for Research on Education Outcomes (CREDO) has highlighted our success in outperforming traditional public schools, particularly in serving low-income students. Our focus on data-driven instruction, high academic standards, and a supportive learning environment has enabled us to reverse educational disparities and provide students with the tools they need to succeed.

Our network of 75 schools, across several states, serves an inclusive student body, with the majority of our students coming from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Despite these challenges, Somerset Academy students consistently achieve academic outcomes that exceed state and district averages. In the most recent assessments, our students not only demonstrated proficiency in core subjects but also showed significant growth in key areas, underscoring the effectiveness of our educational model.



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As you may know, Somerset Academy was recently awarded the U.S. Department of Education's Charter Schools Program (CSP) Charter Management Organization (CMO) grant for expansion and replication. This prestigious grant recognizes our proven track record in replicating a high-performing model of education that delivers outstanding outcomes for students, particularly those from low-income backgrounds. Our educational framework is characterized by rigorous academic standards, data-driven instruction, and a supportive, inclusive environment that empowers students to achieve their fullest potential.

The Schools of Hope initiative aligns seamlessly with Somerset Academy's mission to offer transformative educational opportunities to all students. By expanding our presence in Florida, we aim to bring our high-performing model to more communities in need, ensuring that every student has access to a world-class education.

We firmly believe that our proven strategies and dedication to educational excellence makes us a strong candidate for the Schools of Hope program. We are excited about the possibility of collaborating with the Florida Department of Education to further enhance educational outcomes for students across the state.

We look forward to the opportunity to work together to bring positive change to Florida's educational landscape.

Sincerely,

*Bernie Montero*

Bernardo Montero, Ed.D.  
President  
Somerset Academy, Inc.



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Washington, D.C. 20202

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GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

1	RECIPIENT NAME  Somerset Academy, Inc. 20801 Johnson Street Pembroke Pines, FL 33029	2	AWARD INFORMATION  PR/AWARD NUMBER S282M240009 ACTION NUMBER 7 ACTION TYPE Administrative AWARD TYPE Discretionary (Research and Development)																			
3	PROJECT STAFF  RECIPIENT PROJECT DIRECTOR Sarah Fye 305 586-8829 <a href="mailto:sfye@somersetacademy.com">sfye@somersetacademy.com</a> EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT Patricia Kilby-Robb (202) 260-2225 <a href="mailto:patricia.kilby-robb@ed.gov">patricia.kilby-robb@ed.gov</a> EDUCATION PAYMENT HOTLINE G5 PAYEE HELPDISK 888-336-8930 <a href="mailto:obssed@servicenowservices.com">obssed@servicenowservices.com</a>	4	PROJECT TITLE  84.282M Bridging the Opportunity Gap: Replication and Expansion of High-Quality Somerset Academy Schools 2024-2029																			
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GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

	AUTHORITY:	PL 107-110 IV ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965 (ESEA), AS AMENDED BY THE EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT OF 2015 (ESSA) (20 U.S.C. 7221-7221J)
	PROGRAM TITLE:	CHARTER SCHOOLS
	CFDA/SUBPROGRAM NO:	84.282M
10	PR/AWARD NUMBER:	S282M240009
	RECIPIENT NAME:	Somerset Academy, Inc.
	GRANTEE NAME:	SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC 20801 JOHNSON ST, PEMBROKE PINES, FL -
	PROGRAM INDIRECT COST TYPE:	Unrestricted
	PROJECT INDIRECT COST RATE:	10%
	TERMS AND CONDITIONS	
	N/A	
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	AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL	DATE



## EXPLANATION OF BLOCKS ON THE GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

**For Discretionary, Formula and Block Grants** (See Block 2 of the Notification)

- 1. RECIPIENT NAME** - The legal name of the recipient or name of the primary organizational unit that was identified in the application, state plan or other documents required to be submitted for funding by the grant program.
- 2. AWARD INFORMATION** - Unique items of information that identify this notification.
  - PR/AWARD NUMBER** - A unique, identifying number assigned by the Department to each application. On funded applications, this is commonly known as the "grant number" or "document number." The PR/Award Number is also known as the Federal Award Identifying Number, or FAIN.
  - ACTION NUMBER** - A numeral that represents the cumulative number of steps taken by the Department to date to establish or modify the award through fiscal or administrative means. Action number "01" will always be "NEW AWARD"
  - ACTION TYPE** - The nature of this notification (e.g., NEW AWARD, CONTINUATION, REVISION, ADMINISTRATIVE)
  - AWARD TYPE** - The particular assistance category in which funding for this award is provided, i.e., DISCRETIONARY, FORMULA, or BLOCK. If this award was made under a Research and Development grant program, the terms RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT will appear under DISCRETIONARY, FORMULA OR BLOCK.
- 3. PROJECT STAFF** - This block contains the names and telephone numbers of the U.S. Department of Education and recipient staff who are responsible for project direction and oversight.
  - \*RECIPIENT PROJECT DIRECTOR** - The recipient staff person responsible for administering the project. This person represents the recipient to the U.S. Department of Education.
  - EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT** - The U.S. Department of Education staff person responsible for the programmatic, administrative and business management concerns of the Department.
  - EDUCATION PAYMENT CONTACT** - The U.S. Department of Education staff person responsible for payments or questions concerning electronic drawdown and financial expenditure reporting.
- 4. PROJECT TITLE AND CFDA NUMBER** - Identifies the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) subprogram title and the associated subprogram number.
- 5.\* KEY PERSONNEL** - Name, title and percentage (%) of effort the key personnel identified devotes to the project.
- 6. AWARD PERIODS** - Project activities and funding are approved with respect to three different time periods, described below:
  - BUDGET PERIOD** - A specific interval of time for which Federal funds are being provided from a particular fiscal year to fund a recipient's approved activities and budget. The start and end dates of the budget period are shown.
  - PERFORMANCE PERIOD** - The complete length of time the recipient is proposed to be funded to complete approved activities. A performance period may contain one or more budget periods.
  - \*FUTURE BUDGET PERIODS** - The estimated remaining budget periods for multi-year projects and estimated funds the Department proposes it will award the recipient provided substantial progress is made by the recipient in completing approved activities, the Department determines that continuing the project would be in the best interest of the Government, Congress appropriates sufficient funds under the program, and the recipient has submitted a performance report that provides the most current performance information and the status of budget expenditures.
- 7. AUTHORIZED FUNDING** - The dollar figures in this block refer to the Federal funds provided to a recipient during the award periods.
  - \*THIS ACTION** - The amount of funds obligated (added) or de-obligated (subtracted) by this notification.
  - \*BUDGET PERIOD** - The total amount of funds available for use by the grantee during the stated budget period to this date.
  - \*PERFORMANCE PERIOD** - The amount of funds obligated from the start date of the first budget period to this date.
  - RECIPIENT COST SHARE** - The funds, expressed as a percentage, that the recipient is required to contribute to the project, as defined by the program legislation or regulations and/or terms and conditions of the award.
  - RECIPIENT NON-FEDERAL AMOUNT** - The amount of non-federal funds the recipient must contribute to the project as identified in the recipient's application. When non-federal funds are identified by the recipient where a cost share is not a legislation requirement, the recipient will be required to provide the non-federal funds.
- 8. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION** - This information is provided to assist the recipient in completing the approved activities and managing the project in accordance with U.S. Department of Education procedures and regulations.
  - UEI** - The UEI, issued in SAM.gov, is a unique 12 character organization identifier assigned to each recipient for payment purposes.

**\*REGULATIONS** - Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations(CFR), Part 200 as adopted at 2 CFR 3474; the applicable parts of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), specific program regulations (if any), and other titles of the CFR that govern the award and administration of this grant.

**\*ATTACHMENTS** - Additional sections of the Grant Award Notification that discuss payment and reporting requirements, explain Department procedures, and add special terms and conditions in addition to those established, and shown as clauses, in Block 10 of the award. Any attachments provided with a notification continue in effect through the project period until modified or rescinded by the Authorizing Official.

**9. LEGISLATIVE AND FISCAL DATA** - The name of the authorizing legislation for this grant, the CFDA title of the program through which funding is provided, and U.S. Department of Education fiscal information.

**FUND CODE, FUNDING YEAR, AWARD YEAR, ORG.CODE, PROJECT CODE, OBJECT CLASS -**

The fiscal information recorded by the U.S. Department of Education's Grants Management System (G5) to track obligations by award.

**AMOUNT** - The amount of funds provided from a particular appropriation and project code. Some notifications authorize more than one amount from separate appropriations and/or project codes. The total of all amounts in this block equals the amount shown on the line, "THIS ACTION" (See "AUTHORIZED FUNDING" above (Block 7)).

**10. TERMS AND CONDITIONS** - Requirements of the award that are binding on the recipient.

**\*PARTICIPANT NUMBER** - The number of eligible participants the grantee is required to serve during the budget year.

**\*GRANTEE NAME** - The entity name and address registered in the System for Award Management (SAM). This name and address is tied to the UEI registered in SAM under the name and address appearing in this field. This name, address and the associated UEI is what is displayed in the SAM Public Search.

**\*PROGRAM INDIRECT COST TYPE** - The type of indirect cost permitted under the program (i.e. Restricted, Unrestricted, or Training).

**\*PROJECT INDIRECT COST RATE** - The indirect cost rate applicable to this grant.

**\*AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL** - The U.S. Department of Education official authorized to award Federal funds to the recipient, establish or change the terms and conditions of the award, and authorize modifications to the award

**FOR FORMULA AND BLOCK GRANTS ONLY:**

(See also Blocks 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9 and 10 above)

**3. PROJECT STAFF** - The U.S. Department of Education staff persons to be contacted for programmatic and payment questions.

**7. AUTHORIZED FUNDING**

**CURRENT AWARD AMOUNT** - The amount of funds that are obligated (added) or de-obligated (subtracted) by this action.

**PREVIOUS CUMULATIVE AMOUNT** - The total amount of funds awarded under the grant before this action.

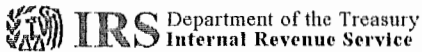
**CUMULATIVE AMOUNT** - The total amount of funds awarded under the grant, this action included.

**10. AFFILIATE** - If an affiliate digital signature appears on this GAN, it is the digital signature belonging to the individual delegated the authority to affix the Authorizing Official's signature to the GAN.

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\* This item differs or does not appear on formula and block grants.

MSID	School Name	NCES ID #	Address	Grades Offered	Total Enrollment	Percentage of Students Eligible for FRL	Authorizer Name
FL-06-5141	Somerset Academy	120018004320	19620 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33024	K-5	652	39.7%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5221	Somerset Academy Charter High	120018003823	20805 Johnson St, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33029	9-12	1,486	37.2%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5007	Somerset Academy Charter High School Miramar Campus	120018007921	9300 Pembroke Rd, Hollywood, Florida 33025	9-12	291	62.2%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5211	Somerset Academy Davie Charter School	120018004054	3788 Davie Road, Davie, Florida 33314	K-5	150	50.7%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5391	Somerset Academy East Preparatory	120018007569	2000 South State Road 7, Miramar, Florida 33023	K-5	191	93.7%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5405	Somerset Academy Elementary (Miramar Campus)	120018004471	12601 Somerset Boulevard, Miramar, Florida 33027	K-5	514	63.2%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5224	Somerset Academy Key Charter High School	120018008546	959 SE 6th Ave, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33441	9-12	349	62.4%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5413	Somerset Academy Key Middle School	120018008232	959 SE 6th Ave, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33441	6-8	298	63.8%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5406	Somerset Academy Middle (Miramar Campus)	120018004472	12601 Somerset Boulevard, Miramar, Florida 33027	6-8	406	63.7%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5151	Somerset Academy Middle School	120018003686	20803 Johnson Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33029	6-8	421	32.1%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5054	Somerset Academy Miramar South	120018008102	12425 SW 53rd Street, Miramar, Florida 33027	K-3	1,048	51.2%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5388	Somerset Academy Pompano (K-5)	120018008157	3311 NW 9th Avenue, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064	K-5	213	89.7%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5387	Somerset Academy Riverside	120018008190	2251 Riverside Drive, Coral Springs, Florida 33065	K-5	155	65.2%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5419	Somerset Academy Riverside Charter Middle School	120018008195	2251 Riverside Drive, Coral Springs, Florida 33065	6-8	420	62.4%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5002	Somerset Academy Village Charter Middle School	120018007806	225 NW 29th Street, Wilton Manors, Florida 33311	6-8	266	90.7%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5396	Somerset Arts Conservatory	120018004463	20805 Johnson Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33029	9-12	162	27.8%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5021	Somerset Neighborhood School	120018003155	9300 Pembroke Road, Miramar, Florida 33025	K-5	403	66.0%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5030	Somerset Pines Academy	120018007893	901 NE 33rd Street, Pompano Beach, Florida 33064	K-5	474	76.4%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5006	Somerset Preparatory Academy Charter High at North Lauderdale	120018007912	7101 Kimberly Boulevard, North Lauderdale, Florida 33068	9-12	945	88.8%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5003	Somerset Preparatory Academy Charter School at North Lauderdale	120018007780	7101 Kimberly Boulevard, North Lauderdale, Florida 33068	K-8	450	89.5%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5441	Somerset Preparatory Charter Middle School	120018007832	9300 Pembroke Road, Miramar, Florida 33025	6-8	339	57.9%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5004	Somerset Village Academy	120018007837	225 NW 29th Street, Wilton Manors, Florida 33311	K-5	741	91.7%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5263	Somerset Academy South	120018008705	19620 Pines Blvd, Hollywood, Florida 33029	K-5	337	37.8%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-06-5056	Somerset Parkland Academy	120018008889	8401 University Drive, Parkland, Florida 33076	K-6	265	23.4%	The School Board of Broward County Public Schools
FL-16-1251	Somerset Academy Elementary Eagle Campus	120048007908	2100 Dunn Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32218	K-5	376	83.0%	The School Board of Duval County Public Schools
FL-16-1261	Somerset Academy Middle School Eagle Campus	120048007902	2100 Dunn Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32218	6-8	183	73.2%	The School Board of Duval County Public Schools
FL-13-0332	Somerset Academy (Silver Palms)	120039007428	23255 SW 115th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33032	K-8	1,928	80.3%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-4012	Somerset Academy Silver Palms at Princeton	120039007884	13390 Southwest 248th Street, Homestead, Florida 33032	K-5	584	83.6%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-5062	Somerset Academy Bay	120039008160	9500 Southwest 97th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33176	K-5	442	17.6%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-6128	Somerset Academy Bay Middle School	120039008153	9500 Southwest 97th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33176	6-8	242	15.7%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-0520	Somerset Academy Charter	120039003971	18491 SW 134th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33177	K-5	806	73.4%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-0339	Somerset Academy Charter Elementary School (South Homestead)	120039007466	300 SE 1st Ave, Homestead, Florida 33030	K-5	571	84.9%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-7042	Somerset Academy Charter High School	120039003975	12425 SW 248 Street, Miami, Florida 33032	9-12	977	77.1%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-7034	Somerset Academy Charter High School (South Homestead)	120039007971	305 Northeast 2nd Road, Homestead, Florida 33030	9-12	513	85.4%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-6004	Somerset Academy Charter Middle School	120039003974	19701 SW 127 Ave, Miami, Florida 33177	6-8	517	68.9%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-6013	Somerset Academy Charter Middle School (South Homestead)	120039007387	305 Northeast 2nd Road, Homestead, Florida 33030	6-8	498	83.5%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-6053	Somerset Academy Charter Middle School South Miami Campus	120039007554	5876 Southwest 68th Street, Miami, Florida 33143	6-8	182	21.4%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-2007	Somerset Academy Elementary School South Miami Campus	120039007511	5876 Southwest 68th Street, Miami, Florida 33143	K-5	504	23.2%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-4037	Somerset Academy Kendall	120039008727	9790 SW 107th Ct, Miami, Florida 33176	K-4	231	33.7%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-5008	Somerset Gables Academy	120039007525	624 Anastasia Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134	K-5	469	23.2%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-3033	Somerset Oaks Academy	120039007851	1000 Old Dixie Highway, Homestead, Florida 33030	K-8	625	90.2%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-5015	Somerset Palms Academy	120039008669	12001 Southwest 72nd Street, Miami, Florida 33183	K-8	315	60.3%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-5002	Somerset Preparatory Academy Sunset	120039008502	11155 SW 112th Ave, Miami, Florida 33176	K-6	432	46.5%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-2012	Somerset Arts Academy	120039007487	47 NW 16th Street, Homestead, Florida 33030	K-5	413	73.4%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-6046	Somerset Preparatory Academy Middle (Homestead)	120039008688	3000 SE 9TH STREET, Homestead, Florida 33035	6-8	379	80.5%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-7242	Somerset Preparatory Academy High (Homestead)	120039008749	3000 SE 9th Street, Homestead, Florida 33035	9-12	345	80.0%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-0754	Somerset Preparatory Academy (Homestead)	120039008891	3000 SE 9th Street, Homestead, Florida 33035	K-5	459	86.7%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-7078	Somerset College Preparatory Academy South	120039008993	19701 SW 127 Ave, Miami, Florida 33177	6-12	194	65.5%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-13-0402	Somerset Academy Continental	120039008907	8100 Southwest 104th Street, Miami, Florida 33156	K-5	43	53.5%	The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
FL-44-0382	Somerset Island Preparatory	120132007960	1908 Flagler Avenue, Key West, Florida 33040	9-12	89	22.5%	The School Board of Monroe County Public Schools
FL-50-3413	Somerset Academy Boca	120150008220	333 SW 4th Avenue, Boca Raton, Florida 33432	K-5	375	30.9%	The School Board of Palm Beach County Public Schools
FL-50-4041	Somerset Academy Boca Middle	120150008275	333 SW 4th Avenue, Boca Raton, Florida 33432	6-8	91	38.5%	The School Board of Palm Beach County Public Schools
FL-50-4013	Somerset Academy Canyons High School	120150008231	9385 Boynton Beach Boulevard, Boynton Beach, Florida 33432	9-12	1,002	61.3%	The School Board of Palm Beach County Public Schools
FL-50-4012	Somerset Academy Canyons Middle School	120150008251	9385 Boynton Beach Boulevard, Boynton Beach, Florida 33432	6-8	647	65.2%	The School Board of Palm Beach County Public Schools
FL-50-3395	Somerset Academy, The Dr. Bernard Kimmel Campus	120150003907	4696 Davis Rd, Lake Worth, Florida 33461	K-8	416	100.0%	The School Board of Palm Beach County Public Schools
FL-50-4091	Somerset Academy Lakes Charter School	120150008535	2845 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach, Florida 33406	K-5	69	100.0%	The School Board of Palm Beach County Public Schools
FL-50-4031	Somerset Academy Wellington	120150008747	1000 Wellington Trace, Wellington, Florida 33414	K-8	542	69.6%	The School Board of Palm Beach County Public Schools
FL-50-4131	Somerset Academy Wellington High School	120150010696	1000 Wellington Trace, Wellington, Florida 33414	9-12	527	80.4%	The School Board of Palm Beach County Public Schools
FL-56-0702	Somerset Academy St. Lucie	120177007574	4402 SW Yamada Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34953	K-5	482	46.5%	The School Board of St. Lucie County Public Schools
FL-56-0713	Somerset College Preparatory Academy (0712)	120177008089	725 NW California Blvd, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986	6-12	669	40.1%	The School Board of St. Lucie County Public Schools
FL-56-0731	Somerset Academy Bethany	120177008898	500 SW Bethany Dr, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986	K-5	1,387	50.2%	The School Board of St. Lucie County Public Schools



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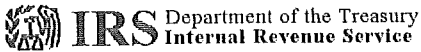
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Employer Identification Number: 31-1569428  
Person to Contact: Ms. Yates  
Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-877-829-5500

Dear Taxpayer:

This is in response to your Feb. 24, 2015, request for information regarding your tax-exempt status.

Our records indicate that you were recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in a determination letter issued in January 1998.

Our records also indicate that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Please refer to our website [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo) for information regarding filing requirements. Specifically, section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file an annual information return for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date of the third return for organizations required to file. We will publish a list of organizations whose tax-exempt status was revoked under section 6033(j) of the Code on our website beginning in early 2011.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: JAN 14 1988

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SCHOOL INC  
C/O STEPHEN M MUSCO  
MUSCO & COMPANY PA  
1549 RINGLING BLVD STE 602  
SARASOTA, FL 34236

Employer Identification Number:  
31-1569428

DLN:  
17053281201007

Contact Person:  
D. A. DOWNING  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(513) 241-5199

Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31

Form 990 Required:  
Yes

Addendum Applies:  
Yes

Dear Applicants:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

We have further determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you are an organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. In the case of an amendment to your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Since you are not a private foundation, you are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, if you are involved in an excess benefit transaction, that transaction might be subject to the excise taxes of section 4958. Additionally, you are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other federal taxes, please contact your key district office.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(1) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that

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you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(1) organization.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of Code sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

Contribution deductions are allowable to donors only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received. Ticket purchases and similar payments in conjunction with fundraising events may not necessarily qualify as deductible contributions, depending on the circumstances. See Revenue Ruling 67-246, published in Cumulative Bulletin 1967-2, on page 104, which sets forth guidelines regarding the deductibility, as charitable contributions, of payments made by taxpayers for admission to or other participation in fundraising activities for charity.

In the heading of this letter we have indicated whether you must file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax. If Yes is indicated, you are required to file Form 990 only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. However, if you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, please file the return even if you do not exceed the gross receipts test. If you are not required to file, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return.

If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of \$20 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$10,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. For organizations with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 in any year, the penalty is \$100 per day per return, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. The maximum penalty for an organization with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 shall not exceed \$50,000. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete, so be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are required to make your annual return available for public inspection for three years after the return is due. You are also required to make available a copy of your exemption application, any supporting documents, and this exemption letter. Failure to make these documents available for public inspection may subject you to a penalty of \$20 per day for each day there is a failure to comply (up to a maximum of \$10,000 in the case of an annual return).

You are not required to file federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

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You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

  
Paul A. Haight, Director

Addendum



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Since you receive more than 50% of your support from government sources, you are a "public school" as defined in the Civil Rights Act. Accordingly, you are not subject to the specific publishing, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B., page 587. If your income sources change, to the extent you are no longer primarily supported by the government, you will be subject to these requirements. Failure to comply with these requirements at that time can have an adverse effect on your exempt status.