

NLSA Routes to Accreditation

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod schools have four options when looking to complete the National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) process. Review each option below and work with your NLSA District Commissioner and Education Executive to determine which one will best serve your ministry.

	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option D
Accreditation Process(es) Used	EBA	EC	Combined EBA and EC	Separate EBA and EC
Grades Accredited	Age 0 – Grade 12	Age 0 – Grade 3	Age 0 – Grade 12	Age 0 – Grade 12
Application	Single	Single	Single	Dual
Self-Study Document(s)	Single EBA	Single EC	Dual EBA and EC	Separate EBA and EC
Validation Team Visit	Single	Single	Single Combined	Separate
Validation Team Member Minimum	6	4 – 5	8 ¹	6: EBA 4 – 5: EC
Accreditation	Single (One Certificate ²)	Single (One Certificate ²)	Single (One Certificate ²)	Dual (Two Certificates)
Annual Fee	Single	Single	Single	Dual
2021 – 2022 Invoice	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$1,400 (\$700 per School)
Cumulative Annual Report	Single	Single	Single	Dual
Provisional Status Requirement	Single	Single	Single Combined ³	Separate

Abbreviations:

EBA: Evidence Based Accreditation

EC: Early Childhood Accreditation (2018)

Notes:

¹ A school completing Option C will need to have a single Validation Team Visit with no fewer than 8 team members distributed accordingly to evaluate each program and Self-Study document.

² Duplicate certificates may be requested to hang in offices on multiple campuses.

³ If the Validation Team Report for either Self-Study process recommends “Provisional” status, the entire school’s Accreditation will reflect this as an overall status until resolved.