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Lynnhaven School Named Candidate for Middle States Accreditation

HENRICO, Va., November 21, 2026 - Lynnhaven School, an independent progressive high school serving grades 8-12 in Henrico County's Varina community, has been recognized as a **Candidate for Accreditation with the Middle States Association (MSA)**. The school has begun the self-study phase of the accreditation process.

The self-study brings together perspectives from school leadership, educators, families, students, and trustees to examine how Lynnhaven's mission translates into daily practice and to identify priorities for continued improvement.

"We ask our students to reflect on their work, listen to feedback, and take responsibility for their next steps," said Daniela Fenwrick, Head of School. "We have that same responsibility as a school. This process gives us a chance to look closely at what students, families, and staff experience here and how we can make that experience stronger."

Lynnhaven's approach centers on student ownership, close relationships with educators, and learning through experience. Its programs include outdoor learning, student-designed projects, Mini-Mester experiential courses, and Friday Conversations with community guests.

Guided by its motto, "The Freedom to Be. The Responsibility to Do.," the school is using the accreditation process to examine how meaningful student choice is supported by clear expectations, consistent practices, and responsible planning.

Academic Dean Evan "Lidd" Liddiard is serving as Lead & Internal Coordinator for the self-study. The review examines five areas of school life - Foundations,

Governance and Organization, Student Well-Being, Resources, and Teaching and Learning—and will inform three strategic priorities for the next 6-12 months.

Lynnhaven plans to submit its self-study in December 2026, with a peer review visit targeted for January 2027. The visiting team will review evidence, speak with members of the school community, and make a recommendation to Middle States. The school is working toward an accreditation decision in April 2027.

“Families choose Lynnhaven because they want their children to be known and to have a voice in their education,” Fenwrick said. “Our job is to support that trust with thoughtful teaching, clear expectations, and follow-through. We’re proud to take this next step.”

About Lynnhaven School

Lynnhaven School is an independent progressive high school serving students in grades 8-12 at 8151 Warriner Road in Henrico, Virginia. Through small classes, experiential learning, and opportunities for student leadership, Lynnhaven helps students practice self-reliance, integrity, compassion, and responsibility. Its guiding motto is “The Freedom to Be. The Responsibility to Do.”

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