

## 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
<b>Accreditation Process(es) Used</b>	EBA	EC	Combined EBA and EC	Separate EBA and EC
<b>Grades Accredited</b>	Age 0 – Grade 12	Age 0 – Grade 3	Age 0 – Grade 12	Age 0 – Grade 12
<b>Application</b>	Single	Single	Single	Dual
<b>Self-Study Document(s)</b>	Single EBA	Single EC	Dual EBA and EC	Separate EBA and EC
<b>Validation Team Visit</b>	Single	Single	Single Combined	Separate
<b>Validation Team Member Minimum</b>	6	4 – 5	8 <sup>1</sup>	6: EBA 4 – 5: EC
<b>Accreditation</b>	Single (One Certificate <sup>2</sup> )	Single (One Certificate <sup>2</sup> )	Single (One Certificate <sup>2</sup> )	Dual (Two Certificates)
<b>Annual Fee</b>	Single	Single	Single	Dual
<b>2019 – 2020 Invoice</b>	\$650	\$650	\$650	\$1,300 (\$650 per School)
<b>Cumulative Annual Report</b>	Single	Single	Single	Dual
<b>Provisional Status Requirement</b>	Single	Single	Single Combined <sup>3</sup>	Separate
<b>School of Distinction Eligibility</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes <sup>4</sup>	Yes

### Abbreviations:

EBA: Evidence Based Accreditation

EC: Early Childhood Accreditation (2018)

### Notes:

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Duplicate certificates may be requested to hang in offices on multiple campuses.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> A school completing Option C will need to meet the School of Distinction requirements for both the EBA and EC processes to be considered for School of Distinction recognition.