



# PROSPECT LATIN SCHOOL

Independent Academic Preschool

## NEWS RELEASE

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### A Louisville Preschool Earns Accreditation Typically Reserved for High Schools & Colleges

(February 6, 2009, Louisville, Kentucky) – Education in Kentucky is on the move as Prospect Latin Preschool, a preparatory preschool for full day and part day students has earned accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) AdvancED. The school has become Louisville’s first private preschool/pre-kindergarten, and one of only a handful of preschools throughout the United States, to earn this prestigious national recognition.

Although typically reserved for high schools and colleges, Prospect Latin Preschool now joins the ranks of other AdvancED accredited schools including Kentucky Country Day, St. Xavier High School, Trinity High School, Sacred Heart Model School, Anchorage Schools, and Centre College.

Among the many findings, the accreditation report stated “The preschool educational concepts taught here are uniquely matched with the skills and knowledge that are expected of students as they transition into primary school.” Dr. Mark Elgart, President/CEO of AdvancED, the parent organization of SACS CASI, stated, “Prospect Latin School’s commitment to academic excellence in the preschool level is exemplary.”

Theresa Byrne, founder and Board of Trustees President stated “This accreditation marks our commitment to be Louisville’s leading and most affordable academic preschool/pre-kindergarten. I’m thrilled that our graduates consistently place in the top 75<sup>th</sup> percentile in math and reading upon entering kindergarten and proud that we’ve been able to offer such a high quality program for only about \$5 dollars more per day than what area childcare centers charge.”

SACS CASI provides nationally-recognized accreditation, the purpose of which is continuous school improvement focused on increasing student performance. To earn accreditation, schools must meet SACS CASI’s high standards, be evaluated by a team of professionals from outside the school, and implement a continuous process of school improvement. Parents and interested community members can learn more about SACS CASI accreditation at [www.advanc-ed.org](http://www.advanc-ed.org). For more information about this news release, contact Theresa A. Byrne, President Board of Trustees, Prospect Latin School, 8907 U.S. Highway 42, Prospect, Kentucky 40059, 502-292-0123 or visit [www.prospectlatinschool.org](http://www.prospectlatinschool.org).

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