

Growing for Tomorrow



NVIS International Ministries is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit, International, child and women-focused, Christian relief and development ministry with the heart and passion to make a difference in many young lives with the love of Christ. Our goal is to provide children and women with basic necessities such as quality education, clothing, shelter, food and water. Not only would these needs be met, they would have the opportunity to learn about Christ and in return give back to their communities. We believe Today's Youth are Tomorrow's Leaders.



This information packet is designed to help you understand our *Growing for Tomorrow* project which will provide quality Christian education to local and international students right here on American soil.



NEW VISION
International School



OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATION

New Vision International School

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to be the first to thank you for the consideration of allowing us to establish an International, Bible-based, Christian School in your facility. This will be a Bible-based, Christ-centered, Christian school located in the Greenville, Darke County, Ohio and will feature, both, conventional, lecture style classes as well as individualized, independent learning style classes.

My name is Mr. Heath McDowell and I am the founder and president of a 501c3 non-profit ministry called, NVIS International Ministries formally known as NVA Ministries. This ministry is a child and women focused ministry serving the international community. Our main service is consulting with churches and individuals who wish to open a Christian school and consulting with Christian schools who are already in operation. However, we also have other projects, i.e. serving the disadvantaged, homeless, etc. We have helped open several Christian schools in China and India as well as consulted with Christian schools in Mexico, Puerto Rico, China, and India. We do all this free of charge as part of our ministry.

We operate only by donations from businesses, churches, and individuals. NVISIM is an all-volunteer, non-facility organization. We would like to expand our operation by opening an International Christian school here in the States. This school will allow us to provide services right here in the United States. It will also help keep our international projects in operation and help us start new international projects.

Our goal is to build an affordable program that will serve local students, students from other states, and students from other countries, i.e. a boarding school program. We will start by only serving local students from our own community of Greenville, Darke County, Ohio.

We have big plans for this school. Besides having a regular school program, we would like to offer an Outdoor Education Program, an Adult Education Program, Community Programs, and a Bible Training Institute for those adults who feel called to the mission field, as well as many other programs.

In the beginning we will start small using an individualized, curriculum program called Accelerated Christian Education or A.C.E. This curriculum was developed in Texas in 1970. This curriculum program is now being used in over 200 countries with over 20,000 schools. This program is the most Bible-based Christian curriculum available on the market and offers a very high-quality educational program if used correctly. I feel confident that I will be able to develop a high-quality college preparatory school using this program. I, myself was a student using this particular program, I have worked in schools that used this program and I have worked for the ACE International Home Office in Henderson, TN.

As we grow, we will add a conventional, lecture style program using other conventional textbook style Christian curriculum programs like Abeka, Bob Jones University (BJU), and others.

Since we are a very small ministry, we don't have a very big operational budget. Once NVIS opens our budget will grow. In the beginning, we just need an office, the use of bathroom facilities, and a good size room. In this packet, you will find more information regarding how the school will be designed and set up. As we grow our requirements will increase, however, again, as we grow our budget will grow as well.

Again, thank you for your consideration in helping us to Grow Today's Youth for Tomorrows World. As President Franklin Roosevelt once said, "*We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.*"

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GROWING FOR TOMORROW

INTRODUCTION

Since 2012, NVIS International Ministries (NVISIM) has been serving the children, women, and their communities in Asia and Latin America, in order for us to continue to serve the needs of children, women, and their communities we must expand our operation and look towards the future. NVIS International Ministries, will be embarking on an ambitious effort to extend our services to our homeland of America. Our *Growing for Tomorrow* project will allow us to expand our ministry by opening an International Christian School in Greenville, Darke County, Ohio

This school, New Vision International School (NVIS), will serve local students, students from other states, and international students from all over the globe and students with special needs like deaf students.

THE PLAN

NVIS International Ministries is currently an all-volunteer, non-facility organization which means we don't have a facility, all our work is done in the mission field. By establishing a facility, we will be able to serve the local community as well as the international community by providing programs, events, and schooling for both children and adults.

We are looking for a building that is large enough to establish NVIS as well as provide other community programs and events which will be located in the Greenville, Darke County. In this packet you will find information regarding NVIS, our facility requirements and potential community programs and events that we would like to offer.

THE FACILITY

We have a big vision for New Vision International School; however, we will start small and grow as needed. To help us minimize our overhead cost, we will be starting by using a self-instructional, independent curriculum of Accelerated Christian Education (A.C.E). After we have a strong student base, we will be adding a conventional, lecture style curriculum.

A.C.E. is a unique system of learning where the students work independently from each other similar to a Homeschool program and as they require assistants, the teacher will assist the student on a one-to-one basis. Because the student works independently from each other the classroom will be set-up in a different way from a conventional school.

The next section will give you a better understanding of the A.C.E. program and how the school will be set-up. We will start with a few terms which will help you as you read through the following information.

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| Learning Center | A designated area in which student completes academic work and receive Biblical training. Basically, a classroom. |
| Student Office | A three – sided student desk area designed to minimize distractions while the student performs academic responsibilities. |
| Diagnostic Test | A process of determining a student's academic strengths and weaknesses. Diagnostic tests assist the Administration in determining where the student should be placed in the curriculum. |

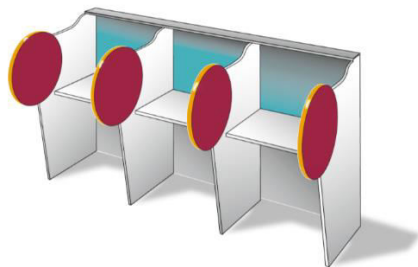
When a new student enters New Vision International School, he/she will first take a **diagnostic test**. After completing the diagnostic test, school Administration will sit down with the parents and the student. They then determine the grade or level for each subject. The student may be in different grades/levels in different subjects. For example, the student may be in 4th level math; 5th level English and 3rd level reading. The student will be placed in the appropriate level or grade for each subject. This system allows the student to master the material at his level while still with other students in his/her own age group. The student will only advance when he/she is ready not when the class is ready.

Because we use an individualized program, we can put more than one grade level in each **Learning Center**. Each student will work independently from each other and may be in different grade levels. This allows students who can excel to work more freely and those students with specific needs can get the attention that they need on a one-to-one basis.

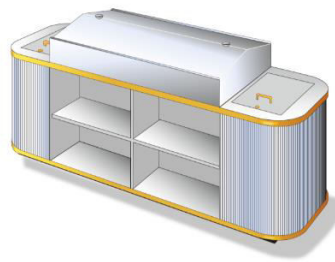
All that is required for a Learning Center is an open room; each student needs about 40 to 50 square feet of space. The size of the room will determine how many students each Learning Center can hold. Example, a Learning Center of 288 square feet could hold around 9 students or for a larger area, let's say 1,400 square feet could hold around 35 students. Each Learning Center will need the following,

- **Student office**
- Testing Table
- Scoring Table
- Teacher's Work Area/desk

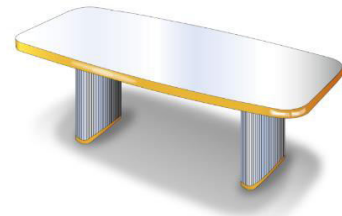
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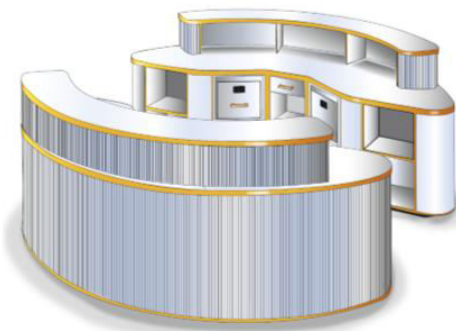
Student Office



Scoring Table



Testing Table

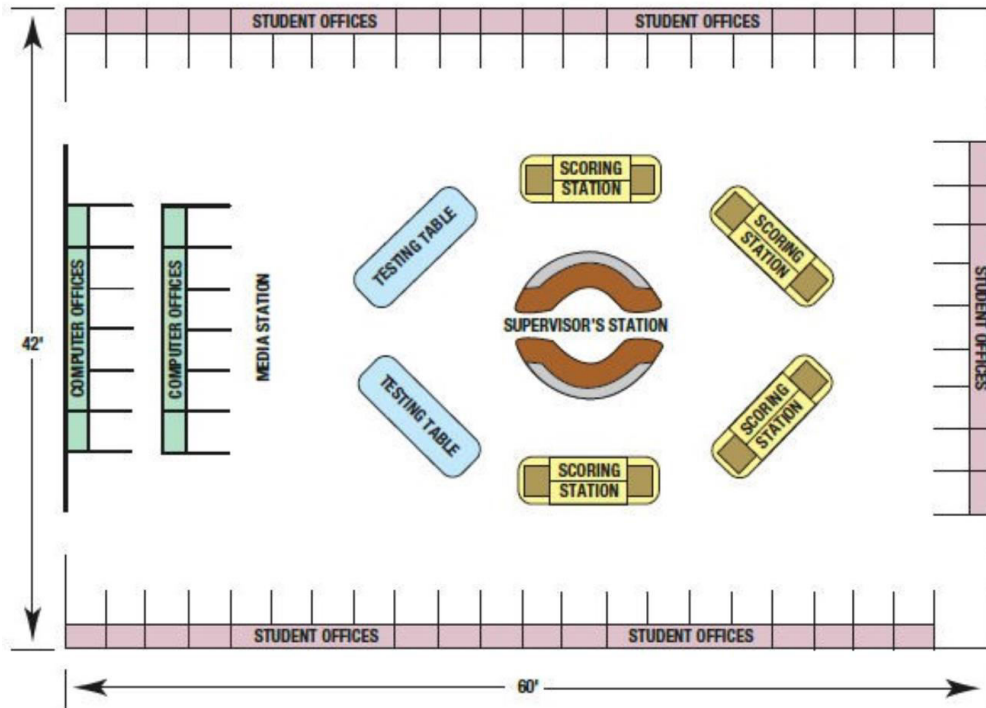


Teacher's Work Area for a large Learning Center

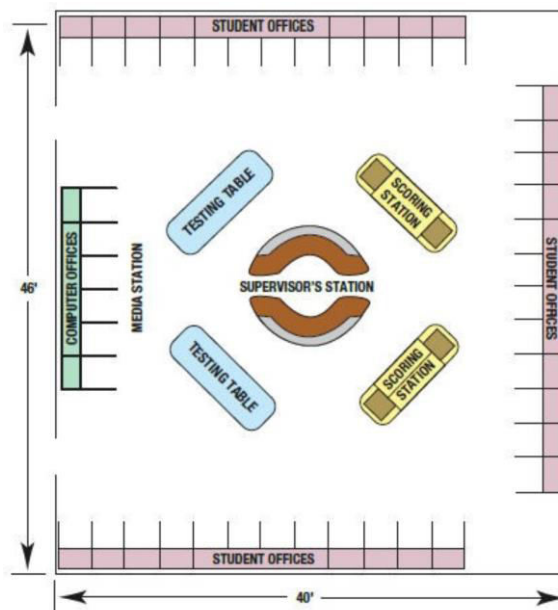


Teacher's Work Area for small Learning Center

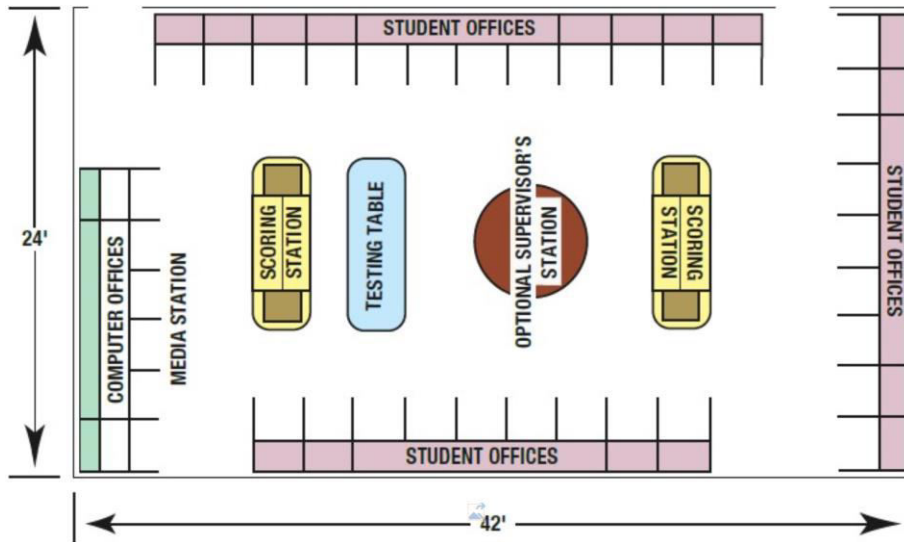
This layout shows student offices around the perimeter of the Learning Center. The scoring table, testing tables and teacher's work area are in the middle of the room. Computer offices make up the media area.



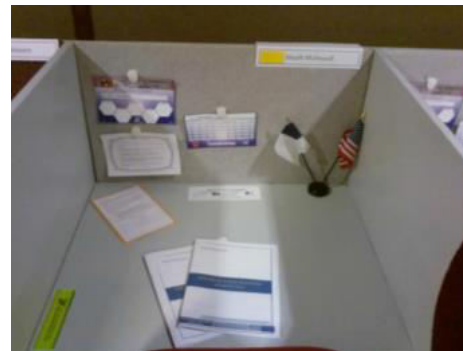
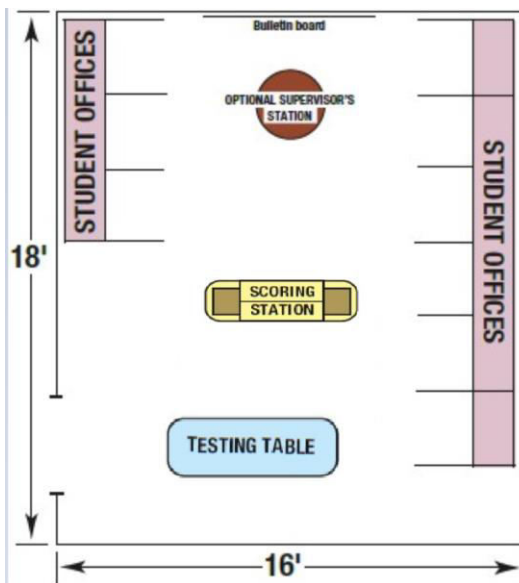
This layout shows fewer student offices around the perimeter of the Learning Center. The scoring table, testing table, and teacher's work area are in the middle of the room. Fewer computer offices make up the media area.



This layout shows fewer student offices around the perimeter of a smaller Learning Center. The scoring table, testing table, and teacher's station are in the middle of the room. Computer offices make up the media area.



This layout show student offices around the perimeter of the Learning Center.



OUR FUTURE

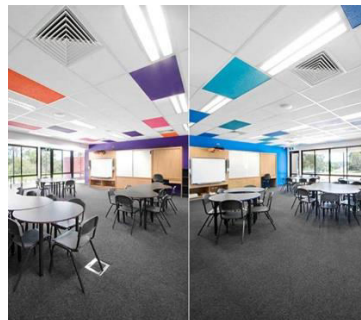
Our future facility will host the offices for NVIS International Ministries and New Vision International School. NVIS which will serve children from Kindergarten thru grade 12. We will continue using the self-instructional, independent curriculum of A.C.E. for those families who prefer this curriculum style, however, we will add a conventional, lecture style curriculum. We will be serving both American children and children from other countries by establishing a homestay program for both American students who don't live in our service area and international students who travel to America from abroad. The homestay program will be made of loving families who will welcome these students into their home during the school year. The families will receive a stipend to help with family expenses while they are hosting the student in their home.



The school will feature both traditional and conventional classrooms, an adult training center, a nature center, The Outdoor Classroom program, a science, computer lab, a music classroom, and an arts & craft classroom.

We will continue to add more classes, programs, and events as we continue to grow. Our vision is to be recognized as the premiere international Christians school for preparing students for higher education.

THE FUTURE OF NVIS -



NVIS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Lower School

The Lower School program carefully considers all aspects of a child's development: emotional, social, physical, and cognitive. We believe that children can best acquire a rich body of knowledge and the skills needed for future learning through a curriculum that is developmentally appropriate and that builds upon itself year by year. It is our hope that our curriculum is an expression of NVIS' mission, which is to inspire a love of learning, to build self-confidence, and to foster in our students the ability and desire to contribute to their community.

We realize that the first years of a child's academic life are crucial ones in establishing positive attitudes and dispositions toward learning. We value a young child's natural desire to learn through creation and self-expression. We strive to build upon our students' curiosity, while instilling in them a spirit of cooperation, a respect for others and for their ideas, and a satisfaction in personal intellectual growth.

Middle School

The Middle School program is designed to carry out New Vision's mission by helping young people in grades 5-8 acquire knowledge and skills through conversation, discovery, and deep understanding. We strive to inspire, in each student, a love of learning, self-knowledge, and meaningful community membership.

During the middle years, students experience rapid growth intellectually, emotionally, and physically, and gradually take ownership of the learning process, build relationships, and come to appreciate their own individuality as they prepare to take on the challenges of high school. Although the Middle School's academic program is rigorous, our great expectations are fully aligned with the developmental capacities of our young students and fully supported by the close work and passion of our highly trained and experienced faculty.

Upper School

The Upper School program enables students to pursue the intellectual, ethical, and physical elements of each student. We understand these elements include: the ability to be truthful and accurate as a reader and a writer, a desire to nurture curiosity, mindfulness that is critical and judicious, being accessible to the ideas of others, willingness to self-advocate, and a commitment of respect to self and others.

The strength of the Upper School lies in the full realization of NVIS' staff - the conversation between student and teacher is the heart of the student's experience. Exploration of one's place and responsibilities in a global community is the foundation of the curriculum, and we take full advantage of the resources at hand. Internships, field trips, a morning program that presents different speakers and physical education are just some of the ways in which we allow students to expand their experience beyond school walls. This diversity of experience and thought allows for a rich and meaningful Upper School journey.

The Outdoor Classroom

The Outdoor Classroom will be part of New Vision International School and provides a comprehensive outdoor classroom program for students. The students will be involved in a total educational experience covering a wide range of subjects. The Outdoor Classroom has been designed to provide students with a hands-on experience as an extension of the classroom curriculum all done in a Christian atmosphere.

- To enrich and reinforce the classroom curriculum with hands-on learning experiences.

- To create an understanding of the relationships and responsibilities between man and his environment.
- To develop self-confidence, teamwork, leadership and communication skills through group centered, adventure education program.

International Student Program

Our world is connected through technology, global business, frequent travel, and collaborative education. Today's students are tomorrow's global citizens and leaders. New Vision International School wishes to extend a welcoming hand to students around the world who are interested in a world-class education, not just academically, but also through the exchange of perspectives, cultures, ideas, and friendships.

Whether your goal is for your child to attend an American school, experience the American Culture first hand, or to improve your English, New Vision International School invites your child to explore the possibilities of an American education that will prepare your child for higher education and to live and work in a global environment.

We would like to welcome international children from any country between the ages of 7 to 17 years old.

- Each international student will be paired with a student buddy who contacts the student and builds a friendship before they even arrive in the U.S. Buddies welcomes students, introduce them to other students and teachers, answer questions, and serve to help international students acclimate to their new environment.
- A language support class is tailored to the needs of each language learner. A qualified teacher targets individual objectives in language acquisition skills and also aids students in their cultural adaptation. This is a favorite class of international students where they build their English proficiency, prepare for tests, make friends with students from different countries, and encourage one another in their American experience.
- The International Program Director will work directly with international students to provide support for a successful experience. The Director also offers orientation and assistance to host families and teachers.
- International students will have a carefully selected, nurturing host family with a desire to welcome the student into their family.
- International students will have many opportunities to share their culture and language with other students and within the community with cultured themed months and events.
- New Vision will offer culturally relevant classes with teachers who challenge students to express creativity, think critically, discern truth, and choose wisely.
- Our International students will have the opportunity to take weekly/monthly trips to educational attractions, to the market, eating out, attending various concerts, sporting events, and festivals.
- Our International students will also take one major trip per year. Some examples are Niagara Falls, Grand Canyon, New York City and other major cities on the East coast of the United States.

The Adult Training Institute

New Vision International School is here to serve the community by providing adults with a comprehensive education of the highest quality in a safe and nurturing environment. We recognize the diversity of needs and aspirations of our community, and we are committed to the development of each individual as a successful, responsible, and productive citizen who is prepared for the challenges of the future.

The purpose of the Adult Training Institute is to change lives through education by helping individuals to reach their fullest potential. In an ongoing effort to facilitate learning, we equip adult students with the knowledge, attitudes and skills that are essential for personal and intellectual development. Our goal includes developing responsible citizenship and productive employment.

New Vision will offer a wide range of classes and courses that are available to any adult over the age of 18 who is a resident of the area. Flexible class schedules provide day and evening sessions to meet the unique needs of adults.

We will offer not only Adult Basic Education (ABE), General Adult Education (GAE), and English as a Second Language (ESL) courses, but we also offer computer classes, computer assisted instruction, GED preparation, foreign language courses, and more.

We also will offer a Bible Training Institute (BTI) for those adults who feel called to the mission field; this 24-month training program will prepare adults to reach others for Christ in other countries as well as within your local community.

Conclusion

New Vision International School will be mission focused. A percentage of NVIS' income will go to overseas mission work that NVIS International Ministries have started. New Vision International School will help NVIS International Ministries to open children homes, women shelter and education centers, mission schools for disadvantaged children, and much more.

We have a responsibility to provide all children with a high-quality education. New Vision International School will provide an immeasurable amount of hope for parents and it will place countless students in an environment where they can be successful.

Will you plant a seed in a child's life?



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