

the MSG "Sine Qua Non"*

the essential requirements for being a "Modular Study Group" or "MSG" franchise school

1. General

- (a) This document outlines what it means to be an MSG partner school.
- (b) Any individual parts of the MSG model may be used by any school at any time but without all of the elements outlined here we would ask that the school not have "MSG" in its name.
- (c) If you find any one or more items here unworkable please feel free to contact us first to see how we may be able to work together.

2. Details

(a) Christian

- i. All teaching, boarding, and administrative staff must be Christian.
- ii. Chapel is part of the daily(every day, M,T,W,R,F) schedule.
- iii. Overtly Christian as a school with an emphasis on discipleship.

(b) Modular

- i. The program must be modular in its operation.
 - A. Students come together for a short period of time and work at home for a longer period of time.
 - 1 week on campus and 3 off campus works well but is not the only way.
 - 2 weeks on campus three times a year is an alternative which is in development
- ii. Out of town families are a priority and a focus.

(c) Target Audience

- i. Targeted to families in Ministry.
- ii. It must primarily exist as a "discipleship" school for children of Missionaries
- iii. It may include non-Christian students at the discretion of the current director but the focus of the school must not become an evangelism as we are here to support those doing that work.

(d) Core Curriculum

- i. The curriculum offered by the MSG must begin with the core.
- ii. If Math Science and English cannot be done then offer only Math and Science.
- iii. The arts and social studies must not dominate the curriculum
- iv. The MSG must meet the educational need before the social need of its clientèle

(e) Core Opportunities for students.

- i. The program exists for the maturing needs of the students.
- ii. There must be room in the dorm and daily school life for growth as individual people.
- iii. This includes both the spiritual nature and the human nature.

(f) Education Standard

- i. The standard of the material taught and learning assessed must be in keeping with college bound students in Western countries.

(g) Age Level

- i. The MSG will be from the 7th to the 12th grade years of education(USA system)
 - A. It may be only a High School or only a Middle School or both.
 - B. The MSG will work with students between 12 and 19 years of age.
- ii. The MSG is NOT an elementary or primary school.

(h) Finances

- i. The low cost of tuition must remain a priority over and above any frills.
- ii. The MSG must be operated as a non-profit.
 - A. Depending on the location it may be registered as a for-profit business.
- iii. Teachers may be given small stipends on an as needed basis as approved by the board.
- iv. The annual tuition and boarding fees must not be raised to the point of preventing families in ministry from attending.

(i) Multi-Agency

- i. The MSG must be operated to allow for students from various M agencies and or independent M workers.
- ii. No priority is given to any agency or agencies.

3. Joining and becoming an MSG

- (a) Work with the MSG to develop the school.
- (b) Share resources, policies and procedures as you see fit.

4. Leaving the partnership

- (a) Any MSG partner school may leave at any time.
- (b) They will forfeit the use of "MSG" in their title.
- (c) They may be asked to payback any outstanding loans from MSG Education or any of the other partner schools.
- (d) They will be asked to relinquish any copyrighted materials shared between schools that no longer is needed.

*without which nothing. (the core essentials of the MSG)