

ACADEMY AT IVY RIDGE SETTLES OVER DIPLOMA ISSUES

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The Academy at Ivy Ridge has agreed to pay a \$250,000 fine and offer restitution to some parents of its students as part of a negotiated settlement with the New York State Attorney General's Office over its accreditation and granting diplomas.

Academy at Ivy Ridge Executive Director Jason Finlinson said the settlement will allow the boarding school for troubled teens to apply to the New York State Education Department for permission to issue diplomas in New York State.

Under the settlement, the Academy at Ivy Ridge has reorganized its organizational structure to meet New York rules.

The Academy had originally obtained accreditation status from the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools and had been issuing diplomas under its authorization.

The Attorney General had accused the school of issuing diplomas illegally because the association did not have a license to do business in New York State and misleading parents into thinking the school could issue diplomas that would be recognized by colleges.

Finlinson said Ivy Ridge will now be able to seek accreditation from an agency authorized to do business in New York State.



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