APPENDIX 3: UNACCREDITED SCHOOLS

When included in the overall universe of Texas private schools that responded to the EdChoice survey, unaccredited schools account for 14 percent of the total responses. Those 61 schools:

- Serve 4,268 K–12 and ungraded students,

- Have at least 2,375 open seats for K–12 and ungraded students,

- 21 percent are familiar with education savings accounts (ESAs)
  - 57 percent would or probably would participate in an ESA program open to all students
  - 34 percent would or probably would participate in an ESA program limited to students with special needs

- 10 percent are familiar with tax-credit scholarship (TCS) programs
  - 61 percent would or probably would participate in a TCS program open to all students
  - 59 percent would or probably would participate in a TCS program limited to students from low-income families
  - 40 percent would or probably would participate in a TCS program limited to students with special needs

- Are mostly concerned with rules and regulations pertaining to:
  - Testing and accountability,
  - Paperwork and reporting,
  - School eligibility for a program, such as registering with the state, and
  - Setting of curriculum and instruction

- Are mostly in Harris County (20%; 12 of 61 schools),

- Charge an average of $6,564 for combined tuition of fees and a median of $4,900

- Provide an average of 22 percent of students with tuition assistance, with average assistance equaling $2,859

- 74 percent serve students with special needs

- 91 percent administer at least one nationally norm-referenced test