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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2019-084

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Principals  
School Counselors

**FROM:** Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

**DATE:** August 19, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Wyoming Cowboy ChalleNGe Academy

# WYOMING COWBOY CHALLENGE ACADEMY

The [Wyoming Cowboy ChalleNGe Academy](#) (WCCA) became accredited through AdvancED earlier this year. As a result, students who attend WCCA and subsequently return to their home school districts may have any credits earned at the Academy applied to their resident district's high school graduation requirements. Students may also earn a High School Equivalency Certificate while attending the WCCA.

The Wyoming Department of Education encourages diligent communication between Wyoming high schools and WCCA to understand how the program may benefit students who would otherwise exit the district before earning a high school diploma. WCCA staff are available on short notice to meet with school staff, parents, and at-risk students.

The mission of the Wyoming Cowboy ChalleNGe Academy is to provide a safe, disciplined, and professional learning environment that empowers non-traditional learners (ages 16-18) to improve their educational level and employment potential and become responsible productive citizens of Wyoming.

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