

To whom it may concern,

Premier Academy is asking for a modification from the planning commission on the minimum number of parking spaces.

Our new school will have the following classrooms...

Infants:	12 students, 3 teachers
Mobile Infants:	12 students, 3 teachers
Toddlers:	12 students, 3 teachers
Young PreS (2.5-3yrs):	12 students, 2 teachers
Preschool:	17 students, 2 teachers
Pre-K:	24 students, 2 teachers
Young 5's:	18 students, 1 teacher
Kindergarten:	15 students, 1 teacher
Montessori:	20 students, 2 teachers
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	1 Administrator

Total: 162 students, 22 Staff Members

Total spots required by city: 38.5 (1 per 10 children and 1 for each staff member)

Current number of spots on Site: 37 + 5 stacking spaces

Rationale to approve request for modification:

*Premier Academy takes pride in offering small private class sizes. Our A Beka Curriculum was originally intended for home school use, Premier takes great pride in their students success by ensuring our class sizes are kept small for a guaranteed top notch learning experience and more opportunity to have one on one learning opportunities within the classroom. The goals that we set for each child would not be possible having groups larger than what is listed above. The number of students listed would be the max number we would ever accept into our program based on our curriculum, but ideally we see the best advancement in our students when our classes are kept at a 12-15 child class size which is what we aim for.

*Our current location in Oakland Township is a much larger school, equipped to hold 207 students on a daily basis. Premier Academy Oakland has performed a parking lot traffic count for an entire week span. With a larger current staff size of 35 staff members and our school at max capacity each day, our parking lot traffic count survey showed that at absolutely no point in the day with staff and parents coming and going did the parking lot exceed 36 vehicles. (Please see attached survey) Based on the evidence with the current larger school and the way we stagger our programs throughout the day, we would never run into a parking lot issue with only having the current plan of 37 parking spots, and 5 stacking spots.

Based on the traffic survey at our current location that holds a significantly larger number of students, and the way our programs are staggered throughout the day (3 hour, half day options)

we are confident that we will have plenty of space within our parking lot to be utilized comfortably by staff and students, all while keeping a consistent flow of traffic.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this situation, hoping to have the modification granted as we are only 1 parking spot off from what is required by the city.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions or concerns,

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