Is Accreditation the right fit for you?

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What is Accreditation?

Quality Check

State Regional National

Engages COMMUNITY

What’s working WELL

What’s NOT working well

Improve

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

STUDENT LEARNING
How can I be sure my school is ready for accreditation?

- Student & organizational growth?
- School Improvement?
- Satisfy Standards?

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Ready for Accreditation?

- Conduct Analysis
- VISIT
- ESTABLISH
- Request CONSULTATION
- COMMITTEE
Why Accreditation Matters

A. Provides consistent objective expert examination of the overall program and operations of the entire school;

B. Assures parents and the public that the school is focused on providing a safe and enriching learning environment and demonstrates ongoing commitment to school improvement;

C. Provides a school’s Board of Trustees, Department of Education, or other oversight body with an independent validation that the school they oversee is effectively delivering a quality educational experience to its students in a manner that is sustainable;
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Validates, through the accreditor’s site visit that schools are meeting standards of best practice and expectation required by those entities.

Provides school leaders with validation of current programs and services and peer-assessed recommendations for future growth and development and,

Provides education leaders at all levels with deserved recognition for voluntarily electing and actuating a reflective and collaborative school improvement process.
1. School Leadership familiarizes itself with the accreditation requirements and protocol for Internal and External Review.
   - Contact CEASD National Office for application or renewal
   - Review the Requirements and Process
     - Profile
     - Executive Summary
     - Organizational Context (Assurances, Focus Questions, and Evidences/Artifacts)
     - CEASD Standards Survey
     - Surveys
     - Stakeholder Feedback
     - Student Performance
     - School Improvement Plan
   - Seek Consultation/Readiness

2. Based upon an understanding of the accreditation requirements school leadership designs an Internal Review Process to meet requirements.
   - Update Profile Information
   - Initiate Internal Review process

3. Administer all applicable stakeholder surveys
   - Analyze survey results

4. Perform an Internal Review of all data collected
   - Complete Student Performance Profile
   - Seek Consultation

5. Create/Upload School Improvement Plan

6. Prepare to Host External Review
   - Finalize Internal Review Report and make available, along with Evidences/Artifacts, and draft visit Schedule
   - HOST EXTERNAL VISIT

7. Write Executive Summary
   - Complete Internal Review/Self Study Process
   - CEASD Review of Self Study
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