



Middle States Accreditation

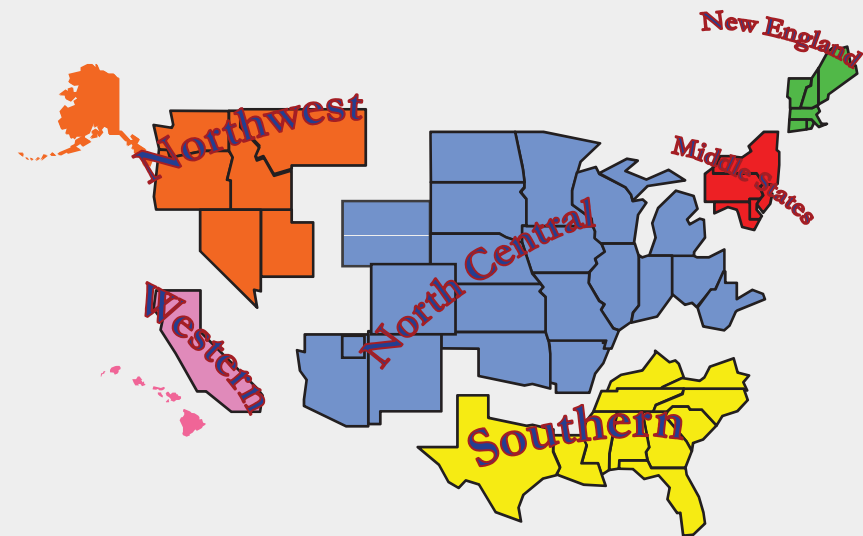
*Assessing the Present ...
Designing the Future*

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- **MSA Region includes:**

- New York
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- Delaware
- Maryland
- District of Columbia
- The Caribbean
- International schools around the world



What is Accreditation?

- A strategic planning process that defines what it is we do,
 - how we do it and
 - how do we know.
- Accreditation process is to continue our school improvement

Accreditation is about Efficacy and Commitment...

- Focusing on student performance
- Emphasizing continuous improvement
- Using data to make decisions
- Monitoring frequently to assess progress
- Involving representative stakeholders
- Sustained implementation of the continued plan for improvement

...We believe that We can Make a Difference

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Phase 1 – Organizing for Accreditation

15-18 months prior to the visit



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The Planning Process

- **Getting Started –**

- Internal Coordinators/Chairs =

- Administration/Middle States Liaison
 - Leadership and organizational role
 - Darlene Corris and Rita Kaplin

- Planning Team/Steering Committee

- Faculty, staff, students, parents, administration, other
 - Need Volunteers



Meeting the MSA Standards

Self Assessment of the Twelve MSA Standards for Accreditation



Method: Surveys and/or
Subcommittees



Meeting the MSA Standards

** All standards must be met for a school to be “Accredited”



Standards for Accreditation

Twelve MSA Standards

- Philosophy/Mission
- Governance and Leadership
- School Improvement Planning
- Finances
- Facilities
- School Climate and Organization



Measurement of
Organizational
Capacity

Foundation Standards

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Standards for Accreditation

Twelve MSA Standards

- Health and Safety
- Educational Program
- Assessment and Evidence of Student Learning
- Student Services
- Student Life and Student Activities
- Information Resources and Technology



Educational
Program,
Services,
Activities

Operational
Standards

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Standards for Accreditation

- Baseline data will be collected from the Surveys
 - Information will be used to highlight any discrepancies between current practices and future practices.
 - These identified discrepancies will be used to develop student performance objectives



Mining the Data

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Student Performance Objectives

Topics for Student Performance Objectives

- Academics – global or subject-specific
- Citizenship
- Student engagement
- Community service/Service learning
- Career awareness
- Critical thinking
- Healthy life choices

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Accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools is recognized throughout the world as meeting ***“The Gold Standard.”***