

ACCREDITATION

ISACS accreditation:

- Certifies that a school is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and operates sufficiently independent of all other organizations to determine its own mission and program.
- Validates that the school has met more than fifty standards of best practice for independent education.
- Confirms that the school subscribes to principles of good practice in admissions and employment.
- Requires that the school undergo a financial audit on a periodic basis and respond to any recommendations by the auditors.
- Requires a survey of the school's constituencies be undertaken as part of the accreditation process.
- Attests that the school has a fully developed and disclosed mission and philosophy of education, and that its programs are in congruence with that philosophy.
- Requires that the school undergo a comprehensive, rigorous and thorough process of school improvement every seven years involving broad participation of school personnel, the board of trustees, and major constituencies.
- Requires this process to go beyond checklists and ratings of standards to narrative (where have we been, where are we, where are we going) and analysis (what are our issues and what are our plans to meet them) in all areas of the school.

Every seven years, the ISACS self-study and external review process covers all major aspects and programs of the school, citing strengths, challenges faced, and recommendations for improvement. As part of the accreditation cycle, the school completes a comprehensive self-study and other tasks which are then reviewed by a visiting team. The visiting team is comprised of volunteers put together by ISACS, consisting of professionals, including classroom teachers, who understand and appreciate independent school qualities and contributions to American education. Accreditation is approved (or not) by the ISACS Board of Trustees based on the visiting team's and ISACS Evaluation Review Committee's recommendation and findings.

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