

**ACCREDITATION TERM DETERMINATION**  
**WASC Focus on Learning**  
**EARCOS Region**

The primary purpose of WASC (Accrediting Commission for Schools) evaluation and accreditation is the self-improvement by the school of its program.

This improvement comes through the implementation of the recommendations evolving from the self-study and the Visiting Committee Report, and is fostered by the Commission through its judgment of the quality of the school's program.

The following guidelines shall be used in recommending and granting a term of accreditation:

1. The term of accreditation is based upon the appropriateness of the school's stated goals and objectives for an institution of its type and the degree to which these goals and objectives are being met. The other determinant for accreditation is the degree to which a school meets the WASC Criteria which are established as general guidelines to determine the effectiveness of a school's program and services.
2. A full-term of accreditation (6 years) signifies that there is substantial evidence that a level of acceptability and progress will continue for a six-year period when a full re-evaluation and visit will occur. This term requires a mid-term progress report and a visit to review the attention which has been given to recommendations of the previous Visiting Committee.
3. A three-year term of accreditation signifies that conditions exist that necessitate a complete progress report and revisit in three years to determine if accreditation should continue.
4. A one- or two-year term of accreditation serves as a warning to indicate that unless a school gives prompt attention to the recommendations, accreditation may be denied.
5. A denial of accreditation signifies that the school's stated goals and objectives are not appropriate or are not being accomplished acceptably, and/or a significant number of the basic criteria are not being met adequately.