

WASC/CAIS ACCREDITATION TERM DETERMINATION

The Visiting Committee will recommend a term of accreditation which will be acted upon by the Accrediting Commission and the CAIS Board of Standards. The current terms will apply: six years; six years with a one-day review; three years, two years, one year; or denial. The basic concepts addressed in the WASC/CAIS process and term determination are:

- What are students currently doing and learning based upon the WASC/CAIS criteria/standards?
- Is the school utilizing its resources to support high achievement of its purpose?

An accreditation term will be based upon a school demonstrating the following:

1. Involvement and collaboration of stakeholders in doing the self-study that accomplishes the five parameters of the self-study.
2. Defining of the school's purpose through expected schoolwide learning results and academic standards.
3. The use of a professionally acceptable assessment process to collect, disaggregate, and analyze student performance data.
4. Acceptable progress by all students toward clearly defined schoolwide student goals, academic standards, and other institutional and/or governing authority expectations.
5. The meeting of the WASC/CAIS criteria and standards in all areas of the school's program and operation.
6. The alignment of a long-range schoolwide action plan to the school's areas of greatest need.
7. The capacity to monitor and implement the schoolwide action plan.
8. The use of prior accreditation findings and other pertinent data to ensure high achievement of all students and drive school improvement.