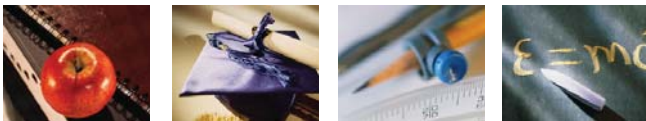


# AdvancED Accreditation Standards



## Standard 1:

Purpose and Direction

## Standard 2:

Governance and Leadership

## Standard 3:

Teaching and Assessing for Learning

## Standard 4:

Resources and Support Systems

## Standard 5:

Using Results for Continuous Improvement



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# MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## DISTRICT ACCREDITATION



### DISTRICT VISION

We are committed to provide educational excellence for all.

### DISTRICT MISSION

We provide the highest quality education so that all of our students are empowered to lead productive and fulfilling lives as lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

### CORE VALUES

- Excellence
- Integrity
- Equity
- Citizenship

### DISTRICT GOAL

Student Achievement



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## What Is System Accreditation?

Accreditation is a method of quality assurance designed to distinguish schools adhering to a set of educational standards. The accreditation process improves overall student achievement and organizational effectiveness. System accreditation incorporates a performance-based model that has a five year cycle of continuous improvement for all schools.



## How does the System Accreditation Process Differ From Previous Accreditation Methods?

In the past, accreditation was limited to senior high schools and each went through an independent accreditation process. System accreditation accredits all schools: Elementary, K-8 Centers, Middle, Senior High Schools throughout the District simultaneously. System accreditation is comprised of each school conducting a self-evaluation, a District organizational evaluation, and finally an independent external review. The system accreditation will be done by **AdvancED**.

## Who is AdvancED?

**AdvancED** is the world's largest education accreditation community. It brings together more than 100 years of experience and the expertise of the three largest U.S.-based accreditation agencies — the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). **AdvancED** also accredits private and public schools internationally in over 70 countries.



## How Do We Become an Accredited System?

Miami-Dade County Public Schools will work with **AdvancED** to accredit schools. **AdvancED**'s accreditation process is comprehensive, evaluating all the parts of our institution. The process focuses on our vision and goals, evaluates teaching and learning, and examines how results are documented and resources are allocated. The five **AdvancED** Standards are the foundation of the Accreditation Process and serve as the guide to continuous improvement.

## What Does Accreditation Mean For Our Students?

Students gain greater access to federal loans, scholarships, military programs and colleges that require students to attend an accredited institution. System accreditation recognizes how well all the parts of the education system – the District, school, and classroom – work together to meet the needs of students.



## What Does Accreditation Mean for Parents?

Parents gain confidence in knowing their child's school is accredited and that it meets international standards for quality in education.



## What Does Accreditation Mean for the School District?

Through system accreditation, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will unite with a global network committed to standards of educational excellence. System accreditation nurtures and supports individual school improvement while aligning it with the overall school district improvement.