

NAAS THIRD-PARTY ACCREDITATION

The Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (NAAS) facilitates the appropriate application, review, and recognition of qualified and credible third-party accrediting associations serving private schools. There are currently seven agencies engaged in a third party relationship with NAAS:

- Assembly of God (ACTS)
 - Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
 - Christian Schools International (CSI)
 - National Lutheran Schools (NLSA)
 - Pacific Northwest Association of Independent School (PNAIS)
 - Seventh Day Adventists (SDA)
 - Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA)
- (Links to the respective web sites are found on the NAAS web site at <http://northwestaccreditation.org/links/index.html>)

NAAS Policies and procedures and supporting materials clearly outline the Third party Accreditation process and procedures. The NAAS Policies and Procedures can be found at <http://northwestaccreditation.org/documents/pdf/PoliciesandProcedures-2/pdf>.

Background

Following an initial application to the NAAS Third Party and Research committee and approval by the NAAS Commission the agencies report annually those schools recommended to receive NAAS accreditation. The schools would have completed the respective annual report, completed a self-study and been approved by the agencies' accreditation commissions. Every three years the agency provides an interim report to the NAAS Third Party Committee to provide updates related to the NAAS policies and procedures regarding Third Party Accreditation. The committee has the opportunity for questions and clarification of the agencies' process.

The following outline provides an overview of the Third party process. Questions may be directed to Leonard Paul, NAAS Associate Director at 4690 Designer Way Las Vegas, NV 89129, lpaul@interact.ccsd.net or at Info@NorthwestAccreditation.org.

Report to the Commission on Schools

The third-party accreditation agency has an established procedure to report the following to the Commission on Schools.

Annually:

- Report the condition or status of each of its member schools (on the *Accreditation Summary for the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools*). This form is due annually on October 1.
- Stand willing to have any one of its NAAS third-party schools conduct a school performance review for the Commission.
- Review changes in the NAAS *Standards and Annual Report* to assure that its standards and assessment materials are in compliance.

- Assure that its schools are meeting their financial obligation (payment of dues) to NAAS.

Tri Annually:

- Report the third-party accreditation agency's compliance with NAAS requirements. (See the schedule below)

As necessary:

- Report substantial change of the third-party accreditation agency to the Commission on Schools.

Approximately 190 schools representing the third party agencies receive NAAS accreditation via this process. NAAS is proud of these partnerships.

NAAS Third Party Reporting History

School Year	Agency	Term	Cycle
1999-2000	PNAIS NLSA	1999-2002 1999-2002	Original Approval Original Approval
2000-2001			
2001-2002	ACSI SDA	2001-2004 2001-2004	Original Approval Original Approval
2002-2003	PNAIS NLSA CSI	2002-2005 2002-2005 2002-2005	Second Term Approval Second Term Approval Original Approval
2003-2004	ACSI SDA	2004-2007 2004-2007	Second Term Renewal Second Term Renewal
2004-2005	ACTS CSI	2005-2008 2005-2008	Original Approval Second Term Renewal
2005-2006	PNAIS NLSA	2006-2009 2006-2009	Third Term Renewal Third Term Renewal
2006-2007	ACSI SDA WCEA	2007-2010 2007-2010 2007-2010	Third Term Renewal Third Term Renewal Original Approval
2007-2008	ACTS CSI	2008-2011 2008-2011	Second Term Renewal Third Term Renewal
2008-2009	PNAIS NLSA	2009-2012 2009-2012	Fourth Term Renewal Fourth Term Renewal
2009-2010	ACSI SDA WCEA	2010-2013 2010-2013 2010-2013	Fourth Term Renewal Fourth Term Renewal Second Term Renewal
2010-2011	ACTS CSI	2011-2014 2011-2014	Third Term Renewal Fourth Term Renewal
2010-2012	PNAIS NLSA	2012-2015 2012-2015	Fifth Term Renewal Fifth Term Renewal
2012-2013 2012-2013 2012-2013	ACSI SDA WCEA	2013-2016 2013-2016 2013-2016	Fourth Term Renewal Fifth Term Renewal Third Term Renewal

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