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WASC Accrediting Commission for Schools

ACS WASC accredits K-12 schools and non-degree granting postsecondary institutions



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The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) is one of six regional accrediting associations in the United States. The Accrediting Commission for Schools, WASC, extends its services to over 4,500 public, independent, church-related, and proprietary pre-K-12 and adult schools, works with 16 associations in joint accreditation processes, and collaborates with other educational organizations.


The ACS WASC accreditation process fosters excellence in elementary, secondary, and adult education by encouraging school improvement. WASC accreditation recognizes schools that meet an acceptable level of quality, in accordance with established, research-based WASC criteria.

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- Effective July 2012, WASC has adopted a new approach to grant accreditation status. We believe the focus on status, rather than terms, will better support high-quality learning for all students as well as the achievement of each school's improvement needs. The **WASC Accreditation Status Explanation** includes the new ballot for Visiting Committees as well as explanations for the new status options.
- UC Riverside Extension Accreditation Class, **Data-Driven Self-Analysis of Student Performance**, June 18 and 19, 2013. [Click here](#) for more information.
- ACS WASC Executive Director Search Survey:** Our long-serving and highly respected ACS WASC Executive Director, Dr. David Brown, is retiring in January 2014 and we are beginning the process to identify a successor. We would appreciate input from the WASC family to help us identify the characteristics you would like to see in our next Executive Director as well as a list of priorities to address. Please help us by participating in the survey linked below — it is short and quick, we promise. Your input is appreciated. To access the survey, click: [Accrediting Commission for Schools, WASC Executive Director Search Survey](#).
- WASC recently partnered with **EDI** to work with international schools in the Middle East that meet WASC criteria for accreditation.
- CAL GRANT APPLICATION CODE INFORMATION:**

News from our Executive Director



Updates from David Brown, Executive Director, Accrediting Commission for Schools

In Memoriam — Jess Whipple

As They See It...

"The greatest value of the WASC protocol is that it ensures equity and fairness to all students in all schools. Parents, teachers, staff members and students participate in a process that enables them to critically self examine their school plan, set their own goals and assess if their goals are reached for continuous improvement."

Susie Chow, Former WASC Commissioner, California Federation of Teachers

WASC Volunteers

Serving on a WASC team is one of the most valuable professional development experiences for an educator.
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