

Cognia System Accreditation

Earn recognition for a commitment to continuous improvement across all your schools.



A holistic approach

As the most powerful form of improvement, Cognia™ Performance Accreditation uses research-based standards and evaluative criteria to examine a whole institution or system—the policies, programs, practices, learning conditions, and cultural context—to determine how well the parts work together to carry out the system’s vision.

The accreditation experience includes both self-assessment and evaluation from professional evaluators. Along the way, your team uses a suite of research-based tools and resources aligned with the Cognia Performance Standards. An experienced leader is on hand to guide you through the process. Then, you get ongoing guidance to sustain measurable change.

A mark of excellence

Cognia Accreditation is a designation of quality recognized around the world. It is awarded by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). Together, these organizations have been accrediting institutions for more than 125 years.

Benefits of system accreditation

The Cognia system accreditation model encourages one shared vision of continuous improvement and a common language of improvement to increase efficiency and effectiveness. With this approach, your entire system is reviewed once per accreditation cycle. Your whole team gets unified themes across schools, resulting in coordinated horizontal and vertical progress for all levels of schools and offices—rather than having separate evaluations over multiple years, and a collection of separate school goals. With the system accreditation process, you’ll:

- Determine how well components work together to meet students’ needs
- Increase transparency and buy-in of processes and policies
- Enhance communication and collaboration across teams
- Improve equitable management of human and fiscal resources
- Engage your teams in targeted training and professional development
- Set strategic direction based on system-wide data

Our system accreditation provides you with pivotal insights to help set improvement priorities, and ongoing support to elevate the system’s quality and commitment to continuous improvement.

“You learn so much about your district when you go through an accreditation process.”

Carrie Brooks,
Curriculum Director, Moscow (ID) School District

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