

Do I have a role in District Accreditation?

Yes. You can assist with District Accreditation by:

- Staying informed about your school's accreditation.
- Educating other parents about accreditation.
- Reinforcing the skills your school is teaching your children.
- Becoming an active member on your school's continuous improvement team and/or internal and external review process.
- Requesting and participating in opportunities to provide feedback to your school, i.e., parent surveys, focus groups, and parent meetings.
- Volunteering to assist during the district's Quality Assurance Review Visit, March 25-28, 2012.

What is the difference between District Accreditation and School Accreditation?

Accreditation has historically focused on individual schools. Most often, each school has determined whether it would engage in accreditation, which goals it would pursue, and what evidence would be used to determine success. Only recently has the district been perceived as a key leverage point for school improvement. Research now reveals that a school district is uniquely positioned to lead and support effective improvement of each of its schools.

Building on this research, AdvancED has developed an accreditation process specifically designed for school districts. The process invites school districts and their stakeholders to collaborate in reviewing the quality of the district's systems, the success of each individual school, and their collective contribution to student learning and overall district effectiveness.

About AdvancED

AdvancED is the world's largest education community, serving more than 30,000 public and private schools and districts across the United States and in more than 70 countries that educate over 16 million students. AdvancED is the global leader in advancing education excellence through accreditation and school improvement. The AdvancED Accreditation Process, a protocol embraced around the world, is a clear and comprehensive program of evaluation and external review, supported by research-based standards, and dedicated to helping schools, districts and education providers continuously improve.

How can I find out more about District Accreditation and the Accreditation process?

For more information about District Accreditation for the Zachary Community School District, please contact:

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For more general information about the District Accreditation process visit the AdvancED website:

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