

Accrediting Agencies

As you continue to provide high-quality education and care, we want to remind you that while ELEA does not offer accreditation services due to the size and scope of such work, as well as the various regulations from state rating programs, we strongly encourage schools and learning centers to pursue accreditation. It is an essential step in ensuring continued excellence and accountability in your ministry.

Our office is happy to assist you in finding the right accreditation agency to fit your specific needs. We recommend reaching out directly to these agencies for the most current information and guidance. If you have any specific requirements or need further assistance, feel free to contact us. We're here to help!

Cognia

Commit to quality with Cognia Accreditation for PreK–12 and postsecondary institutions. Our research-based performance standards give your teams a shared framework to achieve measurable, meaningful improvement.

- Contact: 9115 Westside Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30009, (888) 413-3669, cognia.org

Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA-CESS)

The Middle States Association is a worldwide leader in accreditation and school improvement. For over 125 years, Middle States has been helping school leaders establish and reach their goals, develop strategic plans, promote staff development and advance student achievement.

- Contact: St. Leonard's Court 3819-33 Chestnut Street, Suite 310, Philadelphia, PA 19104-3171, (267) 284-5000, msa-cess.org

New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) is an independent, voluntary, nonprofit membership organization which partners with over 1500 public, independent, and international schools in the US and worldwide to assess, support, and promote high quality education for all students through accreditation, professional assistance, and pursuit of best practices. NEASC aspires to provide a process for meaningful, ongoing whole school improvement while honoring the unique culture and context of each institution we support.

- Contact: 1115 Westford Street, Third Floor, Lowell, MA, 01851, (781) 425-7700, neasc.org

Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS)

Founded in 1954, FCIS is the premier accrediting body for independent schools in Florida. It is one of only 10 state associations in the U.S. whose accreditation process has been recognized by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the international authority on independent school accreditation representing schools in over 100 countries.

- Contact: P.O. Box 13859, Tampa, FL 33681, (813) 287-2820, fcis.org

Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)

As a member of the [International Council Advancing Independent School Accreditation](#), ISACS joins with peer associations in adopting best practices for accreditation, thereby modeling continuous improvement for independent schools.

- Contact: 55 West Wacker, Suite 701, Chicago, IL 60601, (312) 750-1190, isacs.org

Accrediting Commission for Schools Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ASC WASC)

Excellence in Worldwide Accreditation through Personalized Support. ACS WASC accredits elementary and secondary schools, adult schools, and supplementary education programs.

- Contact: 533 Airport Boulevard, Suite 200, Burlingame, CA 94010, (650) 696-1060, acswasc.org

National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)

NAIS does not accredit schools but requires all member schools to be accredited by one of the accrediting organizations listed [on this page](#). These established accrediting organizations are the ones we recognize for our membership purposes due to their quality accreditation programs.

- Contact: 2001 K Street NW, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20006, (202) 973-9700, nais.org

National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs (NAC)

The National Accreditation Commission for Early Care and Education Programs offers early childhood leaders the opportunity to demonstrate and document quality performance using research-based criteria and evidence-based practices. The National Accreditation Commission provides a comprehensive, ongoing quality improvement system that recognizes the inherent diversity among programs through the self-study and award process. Over 1,300 early learning programs in 35 states, the District of Columbia, and overseas participate, including university and college campus-based programs, private child care, faith-based preschools, Head Start, public PreK, corporate centers, DoD programs, employer-sponsored programs, and Montessori programs.

- Contact: 1250 S. Capital of Texas Hwy, Building 3, Suite #400, Austin, TX, 78756, (512) 316-3679, earlylearningleaders.org