

# Accreditation Term Determination

As in the past the Visiting Committee will recommend a term of accreditation which will be acted upon by the Accrediting Commission. A term of accreditation is the period of time that best reflects the degree to which (1) the school is a trustworthy institution of learning and (2) the school is implementing an improvement process that will improve student learning. Current terms are six years; six years with a one day review; a three, two, one year; or denial. The Commission reserves the right to grant additional conditions of accreditation other than those above. Such action will follow a Commission review of the Visiting Committee Report.

An accreditation term will be based upon a school demonstrating the following:

1. Involvement and collaboration of stakeholders in doing the self-study that accomplishes the five parameters of the self-study.
2. The defining of the school's purpose through expected schoolwide learning results and academic standards.
3. The use of a professionally acceptable assessment processes to collect, disaggregate, and analyze student performance data.
4. The acceptable progress by all students toward clearly defined expected schoolwide learning results, academic standards, and other institutional and/or governing authority expectations.
5. *Purpose, Goals, and Philosophy* that supports high achievement for all students.
6. *Educational Program, Activities, and Student Services* that supports high achievement for all students.
7. *Governance, Administration, Finance, and Law* that supports high achievement for all students.
8. *Personnel* that supports high achievement for all students.
9. *The School Community* that supports high achievement for all students.
10. The alignment of a long-range schoolwide action plan to the school's areas of greatest need to support high achievement of all students.
11. The capacity to implement and monitor the schoolwide action plan.
12. The use of prior accreditation findings and other pertinent data to ensure high achievement of all students and drive school improvement.