



# Arizona NCA CASI Report

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## You are Invited to Serve on an Arizona Quality Assurance Review Team

- \* Engage in authentic learning and make a visible impact
- \* See first-hand how others address similar challenges and opportunities
- \* Share your expertise and knowledge
- \* Help another school/district improve its quality
- \* Take proven strategies back to your school/district
- \* See best educational practices at work

If you would like to serve as a QAR team member, e-mail: [denz@ncacasi.org](mailto:denz@ncacasi.org)



## Did you know . . .

AdvancED has increased the transparency of our accreditation process by making Quality Assurance Review reports, Standards Assessment Reports, and Accreditation Progress Reports available to the public. This allows schools and districts to share information with stakeholders about the quality of education being provided as well as goals and aspirations for the future. Go to [www.advanc-ed.org](http://www.advanc-ed.org) to access a free subset of each report online.

**The AdvancED Corporate Office has moved. It is now located in Alpharetta, Georgia. The mailing address is:**

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## Upcoming Professional Development

SAR Training	– February 9, 2010
SAR Training	– March 9, 2010
2010 Atlanta Conference	– April 17-19, 2010
SAR Training	– April 27, 2010
SAR Training	– May 11, 2010
SAR Training	– September 7, 2010
SAR Training	– October 12, 2010
 NCA AZ School Improvement Conference located at ASU's Polytechnic Campus	– October 23, 2010
SAR Training	– November 9, 2010

Call Ann Burnes at 480-773-6923  
or Toll Free 866-837-2229 to  
Register for Professional  
Development Training.

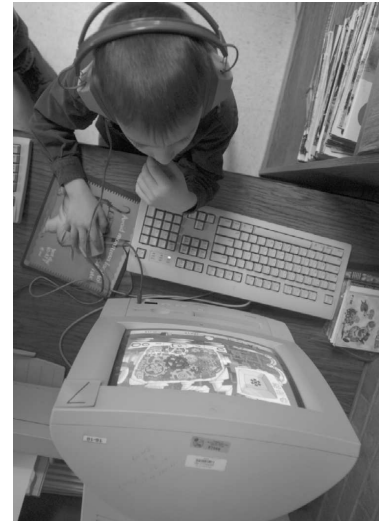
## Facts to Remember About Staying Connected

AdvancED creates the world's largest education community, serving 27,000 public and private schools and districts across the United States in 65 countries worldwide, and educating 15 million students. The Arizona NCA /AdvancED Office coordinates the accreditation activities of our member schools and the majority of correspondence with the schools and districts is done via e-mail. Current e-mail addresses are a necessity to keep you informed of workshop dates, changes in the accreditation process, conferences, and other news of interest.

### To update your demographics:

- Go to the AdvancED website at [www.advanc-ed.org](http://www.advanc-ed.org)
- Click on “Accreditation/Accreditation Tasks”
- Find “Demographic Update” to update information (You may have to call to get your Access Code)
- Explore to find additional useful information and resources!

If you have any questions when making updates, please contact our office at 480-773-6923 or Toll Free 866-837-2229.



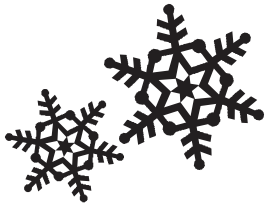
## Tell Us about Your Experience

Over 93% of schools and districts responding to AdvancED's recent survey shared that they believe meeting AdvancED standards makes their school or district better. AdvancED would like to hear your stories of success with the accreditation process in your school or district.

Please take a minute to visit our online testimonials page and answer one or more of the questions and let us know about how continuous improvement and quality education are impacting you students' success.

Not only will your responses give us a better understanding of how the accreditation process works for you but also your story could be featured on the AdvancED Web site and in various marketing materials. There is no better way to show off your school pride than to spread the good news!

Visit the AdvancED Web site, and share your experience at [http://www.advanc-ed.org/accreditation/accreditation\\_tasks/](http://www.advanc-ed.org/accreditation/accreditation_tasks/).



# The Accreditation Progress Report – Why is it so Important?



The Accreditation Progress Report engages schools and districts in focused internal analysis of its actions and progress since their Quality Assurance Review visit. In completing the report, the school/district reviews each recommendation, summarizes actions taken, describes how the actions and results were evaluated to determine success, and references the evidence that the school/district has gathered to support its fulfillment of the recommendation. The Accreditation Progress Report is a required component of the accreditation process and is submitted one or two years following the school/district Quality Assurance Review. Although the report is required, it is a great tool for schools and districts to stay focused on their quest for school improvement. If you need instructions for accessing and completing the online Accreditation Progress Report, please visit the AdvancED Web site at <http://www.advanced.org/professional-development/elearning>.

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## 10 Benefits of Accreditation for Your School and District



Through AdvancED/NCA CASI, accredited schools and districts enjoy a range of benefits. These are affordable and have an impact on student achievement. These benefits include:

1. A distinctive **mark of quality, recognized internationally**, that affords external recognition of the school's or district's commitment to quality.
2. **Standards** based on research concerning factors that impact student learning.
3. Proven, clear, and intuitive **processes for continuous improvement** that are grounded in best practices from the field of education.
4. A **framework and support system** to help meet local, state, national, and appropriate international requirements.
5. **Professional development** opportunities such as annual conferences and state workshops on all aspects of school improvement.
6. An opportunity to gain valuable input, validation, and **support from peers**.
7. **Connection** to peer-recommended practices, best practices, and resources and tools across 23,000 public and private schools
8. Customized and **technical assistance** to maximize improvement efforts.
9. Access to guides, handbooks, primers, **resources**, tools and Web sites aimed at enhancing improvement efforts.
10. **Transferability of credits** to students from school to school.
11. Greater **accessibility for students** to federal loans, scholarships, post secondary education, and military programs that require regional accreditation.
12. Students benefit from the accreditation process because their school and/or district are committed to raising student performance as well as committed to improving student learning on a continual basis.

# 2010 AdvancED Conference

## Register Now!



The education challenges of today require *forward* thinking...Join us in Atlanta, Georgia for the 2010 AdvancED Conference where we will share ideas, practices, and strategies that provide solutions for meeting the challenges of today and offer insight into the education world of tomorrow...*Beyond the Horizon!* This year's conference program is highlighted by general sessions featuring world-renowned thought leaders, performers, and personalities including:

- \* Critically acclaimed comedy troupe, *Wavelength*
- \* Senior NPR correspondent and regular panelist for FoxNews Sunday, *Juan Williams*
- \* Student singers from Atlanta's own internationally recognized *Ron Clark Academy*
- \* Veteran CNN correspondent *Sachi Koto* as Mistress of Ceremonies for the closing Awards Reception and Gala

Be sure to go to [www.advanc-ed.org/conf2010](http://www.advanc-ed.org/conf2010) for conference details and registration. Register by **February 1, 2010** to take advantage of discounted registration fees:

- \* **\$450 before February 1, 2010**
- \* **\$475 February 1 – April 16, 2010**
- \* **\$500 at the conference**

**Do not miss the “must attend” education event of the year!**