



AdvancED Performance Accreditation

STEP BY STEP



Application & Readiness

1 Contact an AdvancED managing office and complete an application.

An AdvancED representative will contact you to prepare for a Readiness Review. This contact person will provide you support throughout the process. Once the Readiness Review is complete, you will receive a report from the review and be asked to confirm your commitment to move forward with the process.

Internal Review



2 Collect student performance data before or in conjunction with the Self Assessment to gain a comprehensive picture of student performance.



3 Conduct the Self Assessment by analyzing data and using supporting evidence to rate performance against a series of evaluative criteria.



4 Conduct stakeholder surveys as part of the Self Assessment to get feedback from representative parents, students and staff during a specific time frame. Analyze results and complete the stakeholder feedback diagnostic.



5 Write an Executive Summary that describes and celebrates the school or system, defines purpose and direction and identifies achievements and challenges.



6 Create a quality improvement plan based on analysis of data that aligns improvement goals with diagnostic results, communicates purpose and direction and builds shared commitment.



7 Demonstrate compliance with AdvancED, government and partnership requirements by:

- ✓ Reporting substantive changes
- ✓ Sharing crisis/security management plan
- ✓ Demonstrating effective financial audit system
- ✓ Engaging in continuous improvement
- ✓ Verifying that across systems all schools meet accreditation standards



External Review

8 Work with AdvancED to conduct and host an External Review. Led by an AdvancED certified Lead Evaluator, a rigorously trained review team will visit your institution. This team will:

- Perform classroom observations using the **AdvancED Effective Learning Environment Observation Tool™ (eleot™)**
- Review student performance and stakeholder feedback
- Conduct internal and external stakeholder interviews
- Determine the extent to which your institution meets *AdvancED Standards for Quality* and other evaluative criteria as compiled in the AdvancED Index of Education Quality™ (IEQ™)
- Examine additional artifacts and evidence

Through the External Review process, institutions receive a comprehensive report of the team's findings with recognition of Powerful Practices, Opportunities for Improvement and Improvement Priorities.



Post Review

9 At the end of the External Review, findings are presented, and the initial IEQ score is announced, pending further review by the AdvancED Accreditation Commission.

In January and June of each year, the AdvancED Accreditation Commission meets and grants an accreditation status.



10 Following accreditation, institutions should maintain momentum for continuous improvement by:

- Engaging in ongoing self-reflection, internal review and stakeholder communication
- Responding to Improvement Priorities for ongoing improvement
- Submitting their Accreditation Progress Report within two years of the External Review
- Celebrating the reward of hard work, success and dedication!

