

Performance Accreditation

Gain recognition for your sustained commitment to continuous improvement and better outcomes.



Engage in a holistic process

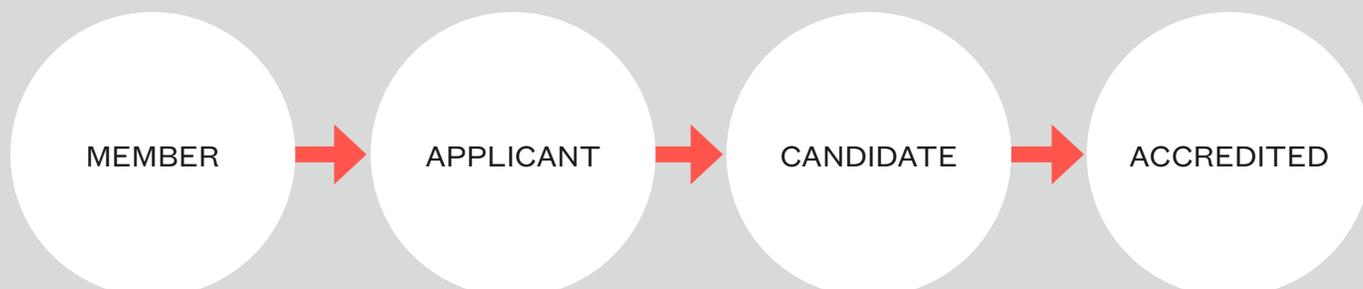
Cognia™ Performance Accreditation recognizes institutions that serve infant through postsecondary learners and that are committed to systemic and sustainable continuous improvement. These schools and systems use standards-based protocols and a holistic approach to empower students to succeed. The accreditation and improvement journey for each institution may look different, but it always includes measures of quality learning and instruction.

Cognia accreditation indicates more than passing a one-time inspection. Schools and systems across the United States and in 85 countries around the world engage with an accreditation process that examines the whole institution—its policies, programs, practices, learning conditions, and cultural context—to determine how well the parts work together to carry out the institution’s vision and meet the needs of every learner.

Legacy of excellence

Education providers that earn Cognia Accreditation are awarded that recognition by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), which comprise three of the six regionally recognized K-12 accrediting bodies. Together, these organizations have been accrediting institutions for 125 years.

The Path to Cognia Accreditation



The 4 Steps to Accreditation

STEP 1 Apply for Cognia Membership

- Submit the application and membership fee.
- Review and become familiar with the appropriate Cognia Performance Standards and Assurances and the Cognia Accreditation and Certification Policies and Procedures.
- Explore and engage with the Cognia Improvement Network resources.

STEP 3 Become a Candidate

- Review the findings from the Readiness Review Report.
- Conduct an internal review, complete reports, analyze data, and gather evidence in alignment with Cognia Performance Standards and Assurances.
- Submit documentation and evidence via Cognia's Improvement Platform to support the Accreditation Engagement Review.
- Schedule and host the Accreditation Engagement Review within a timeframe established by Cognia.

STEP 2 Enter the Applicant Phase

- Review the Readiness Packet and official letter of application you receive from Cognia, which outline next steps towards Candidate for Accreditation status.
- Submit the completed Readiness Diagnostic and supporting evidence at least four weeks in advance of the scheduled review.
- Host a Readiness Review. The review team will determine the institution's capacity to meet Cognia Performance Standards and Assurances.

STEP 4 Earn Accreditation

- Demonstrate adherence to the appropriate Performance Standards and Assurances.
- Adhere to Cognia Policies for Accreditation.
- Maintain membership with Cognia, submitting all required fees, reports, and demographic updates within prescribed timeframes.
- Engage with continuous improvement to achieve results.
- Submit a progress report within prescribed timeframes.
- Host an Accreditation Engagement Review at least every five years.

Connect with Cognia

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