Navigating the NEASC Collaborative Conference

A structural guide for Lyme-Old Lyme High School's October 2026 evaluation and our blueprint for continuous growth.

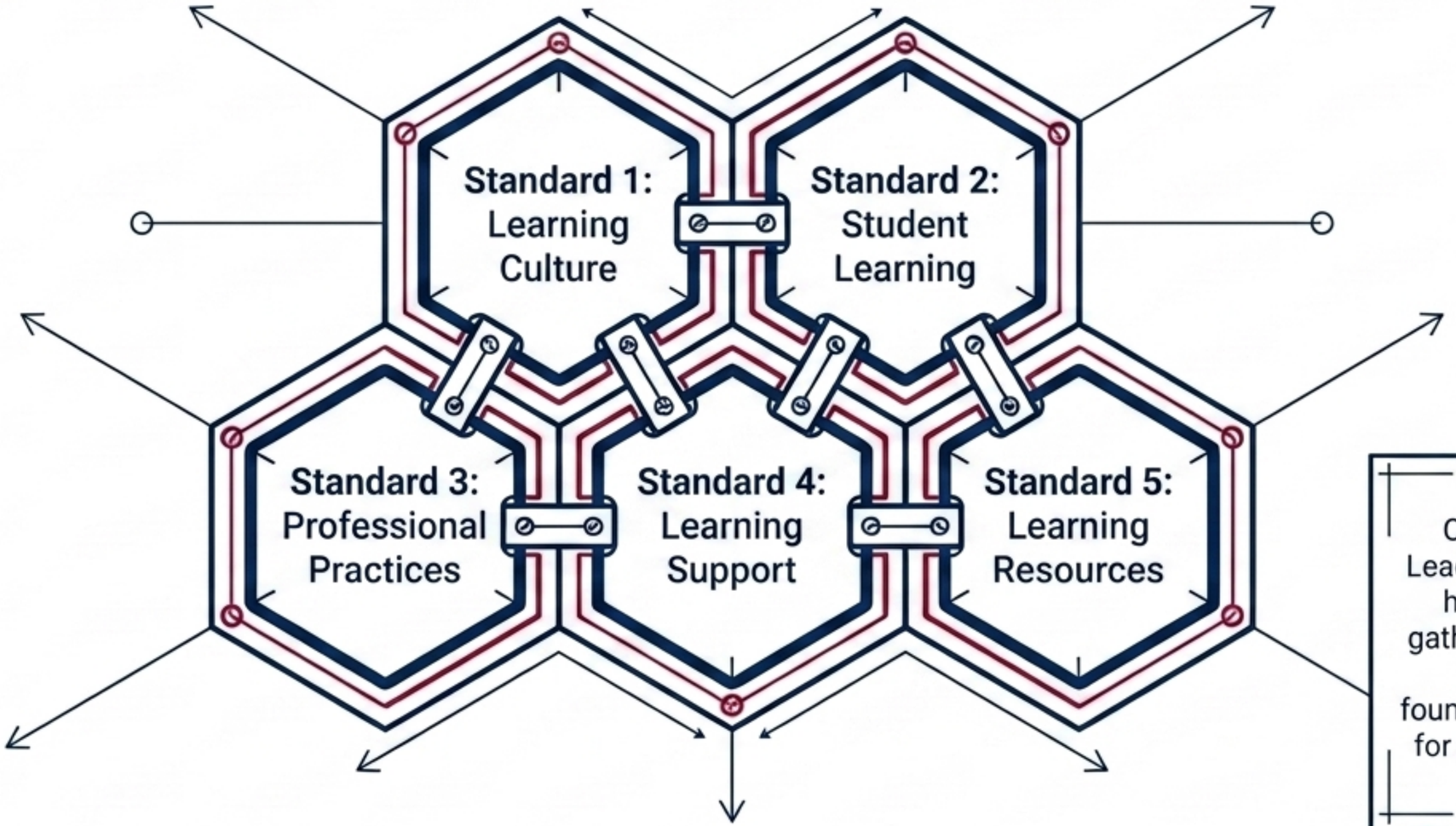
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The Standards



Our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) has successfully gathered the data and authored the foundational narratives for each of these five pillars.

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Shifting from Internal Reflection to External Validation

Phase 1: Self-Reflection	
	Timing: Completed June 2026
	Actor: LOLHS Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)
	Action: Working in focused groups of 2-3, the ILT gathered information and authored foundational narratives.
	Goal: Document our current state against NEASC standards.

Phase 2: Collaborative Visit	
	Timing: Upcoming October 2026
	Actor: NEASC Visiting Team
	Action: Reviewing documents, visiting classrooms, and meeting stakeholders.
	Goal: Validate our Self-Reflection and determine priority areas for growth.

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Collaborative Conference



The Roster: The visiting team consists of exactly 5 peer educators and 1 Chairperson drawn from our region.

Their Objective: They are not here to inspect; they are here to collaborate. Their primary mandate is to validate the Self-Reflection we submitted in June and help us determine priority areas for our school growth plan.

Early Arrival: Note that the Chairperson will conduct an initial preliminary visit to LOLHS in early September to lay the groundwork.

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Mapping the Collaborative Visit: Preparation & Day One



June 2026

LOLHS successfully submits the comprehensive Self-Reflection.

Early September 2026

NEASC Chairperson visits LOLHS for initial preparation.

Monday, October 4 & 5, 2026 (The Visit Begins)

The full visiting team arrives at LOLHS.

- Tour the building
- Visit classrooms
- Meet with stakeholder groups
- Review documents
- Validate our Self-Reflection

Monday Evening

The visiting team works privately to summarize their findings and draft initial recommendations.

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Mapping the Collaborative Visit: Day Two & Beyond

Tuesday Morning, October 6

The visiting team returns to LOLHS.

- Ask clarifying questions
- Gather any final, additional information
- Present their preliminary findings and recommendations to the school

Post-Visit (A Few Weeks Later)

The finalized Collaborative Conference Report is officially delivered to LOLHS.

Fall 2028

A scheduled follow-up visit occurs to review the progress of our resulting Growth Plan.

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