

ACCREDITATION

The District and colleges agree to comply with Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, Commission policies, guidelines, and requirements for public disclosure, institutional reporting, team visits, and prior approval of substantive changes as defined by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC).

In accordance with the Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies, the colleges shall conduct an Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER) every seven years and host a visit by an accreditation team selected by the ACCJC. Mandatory midterm reports are prepared and submitted to the Accrediting Commission in the third year of each seven-year cycle.

Those employees who are responsible for the functions related to the accreditation Standards must be involved in the ISER and team visit.

The process for producing the (ISER) shall include:

- Appointment of an ISER chair(s) at each college by the college president(s) and the academic senate president(s) jointly;
- Appointment of a College Accreditation Liaison Officer by the college president;
- Active, college-wide involvement of students, faculty, classified staff, managers, and administrators;
- District representatives, where appropriate; and
- Appointment of an accreditation steering committee at each college in accordance with their governance manuals.

When the ISER is completed, it shall be reviewed and accepted by the Board of Trustees prior to submission to the Accrediting Commission.

When directed to act by the Commission, the institution shall respond to meet requirements within the time period set by the Commission. Additionally, the colleges shall describe themselves in consistent terms to all of their accrediting agencies and communicate any changes in their accredited status to the Commission, students, and the public.

References:

*ACCJC Accreditation Eligibility Requirement 21
Title 5, Section 51016*