

# SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

SACS  
Accreditation



# What is School Accreditation?

- ▣ An internal self-assessment an institution conducts against a set of research-based quality standards
- ▣ Is a voluntary process that schools choose to undergo to ensure quality.
- ▣ Examines the whole school
  - Programs
  - School culture or climate
  - Community of stakeholders (teachers, staff, students, parents, and community members)to determine how well the parts work together to meet the needs of students.

# Why Does School Accreditation Matter?

- ▣ Creates a stamp of approval for the school to let parents, students, and the community know the school or institution has a quality program
- ▣ Creates a network of institutions that are committed to common educational excellence through common rigorous standards.
- ▣ Easy transfer of credits between accredited schools.

# Accreditation Process

- ▣ Training – on accreditation and the process  
(Administration, Staff, Students, Parents, Community –  
Started April 2013 and ongoing)
- ▣ Internal Review – to provide internal  
documentation of how LJPS is meeting the  
five (5) SACCS standards.  
(Started in May 2013 and ongoing)

# 5 Standards

## ▣ Purpose and Direction

The school maintains and communicates a purpose and direction that commit to high expectations for learning as well as shared values and beliefs about teaching and learning.

## ▣ Governance and Leadership

The school operates under governance and leadership that promote and support student performance and school effectiveness.

## ▣ Teaching and Assessing Learning

The school's curriculum, instructional design, and assessment practices guide and ensure teacher effectiveness and student learning.

## ▣ Resources and Support Systems

The school has resources and provides services that support its purpose and direction to ensure success for all students.

## ▣ Using Results for Continuous Improvement

The school implements a comprehensive assessment system that generates a range of data about student learning and school effectiveness.

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- ▣ Training – Administration, Staff, Students, Parents, Community
- ▣ Internal Review – Started in May 2013 and ongoing
- ▣ External Review – November 13 & 14, 2013
- ▣ SACS Report
- ▣ Accreditation Recommendation

# How Can You Help?

- ▣ Be aware
- ▣ Looking for anyone interested in volunteering to be interviewed by the external review committee in November
- ▣ Answer honestly any questions asked by the visiting committee
- ▣ Be yourself 😊