

ACCREDITATION

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SDCE: ACCREDITED INSTITUTION

Accrediting Commission for Schools Western Association
of Schools and Colleges
(ACS WASC)

- Postsecondary Schools Division
- Last Self-Study Visit, Spring 2017
- Accredited through June 30, 2024
- Next Self-Study Visit, Spring 2024



WHY ACCREDITATION?

- An ongoing Cycle of Quality...
A “non-hyperventilating” school improvement process that supports high-quality student learning
- Assures a school community that the school is trustworthy for student learning in a global society
- Validates integrity of school’s program and transcripts worldwide for university acceptance
- Fosters ongoing improvement to support learning
- Provides valuable insight from educators visiting the school

Content source: <http://www.acswasc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/ACS-WASC-Follow-up-After-Full-Visit.pdf>

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A VALUE-ADDED EVALUATION

Schools add value by...

- Increasing what students know
- Increasing what students can do
- Improving how students feel
 - ✓ About themselves
 - ✓ About others
 - ✓ About learning



- How well are our student achieving?
- Is the school doing everything possible to support high achievement of all its students?

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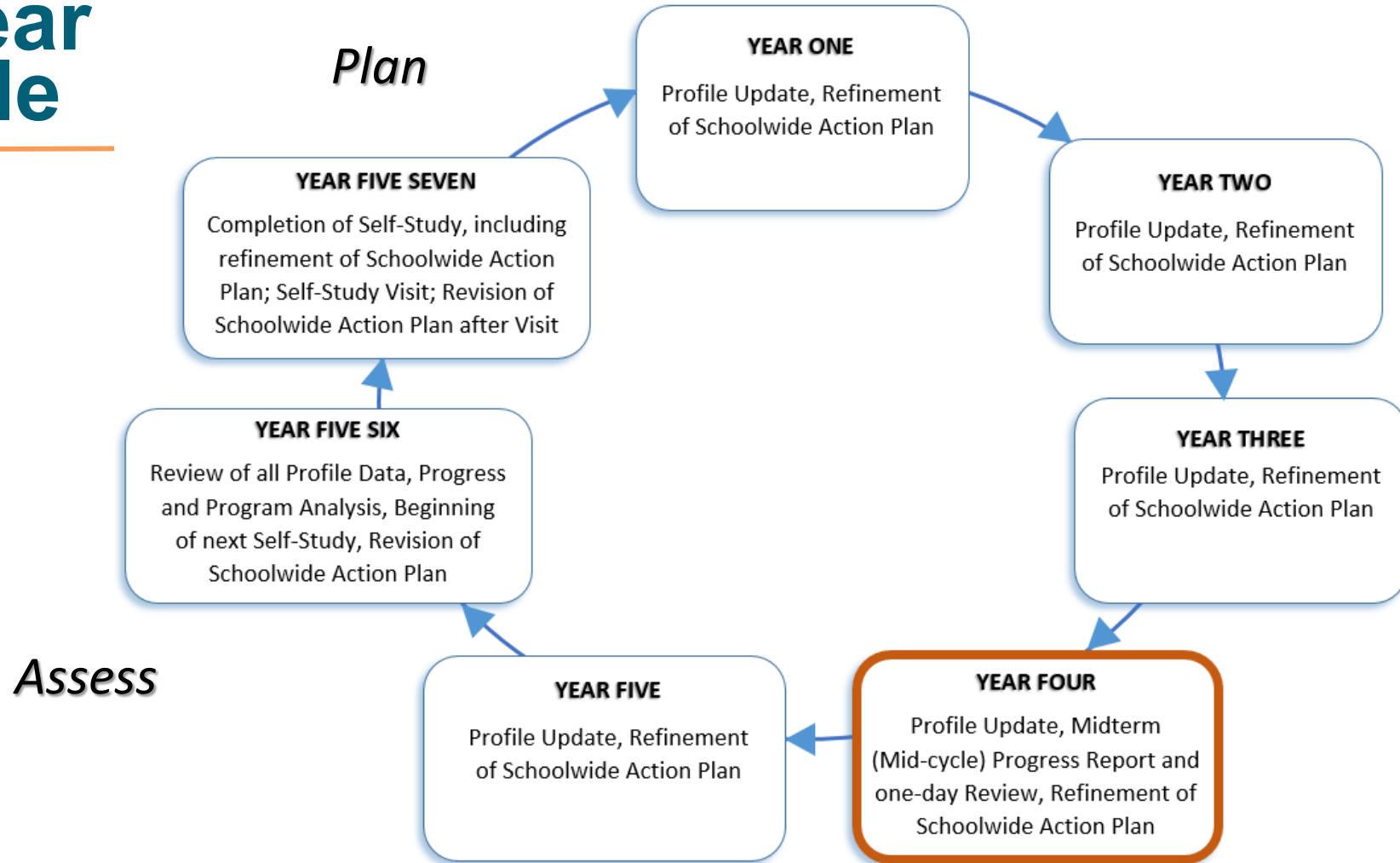


ACS WASC POSTSECONDARY CRITERIA

1. Institutional Mission and Schoolwide Learner Outcomes (SLOs)
2. Organizational Infrastructure and School Leadership
3. Faculty and Staff
4. Curriculum
5. Instructional Program
6. Use of Assessment
7. Student Support Services
8. Resource Management
9. Community Connection
10. Action Plan for Ongoing Improvement



SDCE 7-Year Cycle



Implement

WHERE WE ARE - IMPLEMENT - YEAR 4

1. Annual Follow Up

- ✓ Student and Community Profile Report
- ✓ Progress on Visiting Committee Recommendations Report
- ✓ Monitor, Implement, Refine Schoolwide Action Plan
 - Stakeholder input via Focus Groups
 - Gaps identified in Progress Report
 - Develop Recommendations Report
 - Leadership team revisions
 - Stakeholder Input (newsletter, governance committees)
 - Approval (leadership team, EGC)

2. Mid-Cycle Progress Report

3. Progress Visit

ACCREDITATION ACTION PLAN

Based on Growth Areas

1

Growth in
Enrollment and
Student Success

2

Increased
Communication
and Community
Collaboration to
Support Success

3

Professional
Development to
Support Student
Success

4

Maintaining and
Securing
Technology in
Support of
Instruction and
Student Services
to Support
Student Success

5

Integrated
Planning to
Support Student
Success

17 Objectives / Activities

38 Action Steps

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ACTION PLAN PROGRESS

92% of Action Steps In Progress or Completed by 2019/20

14 Ongoing and Completed Annually

12 Fully Completed

9 In Progress

Where We Are:

Implement (3-Part)

1. Annual Follow Up

2. Mid-Cycle Progress Report, 2020

- Progress on Implementation of the School wide Action Plan
- Stakeholder Input (writing, newsletter, governance committees)
- Approval (leadership team, EGC)

3. Virtual One-day Progress Visit on April 29

Questions?

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CONTACT US

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON A VISITING COMMITTEE?

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RESOURCES

SDCE Accreditation web pages:

<http://sdce.edu/organization/institutional-effectiveness/accreditation>

ACS WASC home page:

<https://www.acswasc.org/>

ACS WASC Postsecondary Schools web page:

<https://www.acswasc.org/schools/postsecondary-schools/>