

ALL ELEMENTARY, K-8, AND SECONDARY PRINCIPALS: Systemwide Accreditation

Category: *Urgent*

Audience: All Principals/APs

Due Date: Mar 15, 2013

Meeting Date: n/a

Attachment(s): [AdvancED Accreditation Application 3-2013.pdf](#)

To inform school administrators of the District's initiative for the accreditation of all K-12 schools and request that principals complete and submit the attached AdvancEd Accreditation Application by 3/15/13 to the Region Office.

- At the November 2012 meeting, The School Board of Miami-Dade County Public Schools approved Board Item C-71 authorizing M-DCPS to enter into an agreement with AdvancED to pursue systemwide accreditation for all K-12 schools. (AdvancED SACS CASI System Accreditation)
- The accreditation process is aligned to continuous improvement. The district and schools will be engaged in reviews of student performance and stakeholder feedback. During the spring of 2014, an External Review visit to the district office and to selected schools will take place.
- All district K-12 schools, elementary, K-8 centers, middle and high schools, will undergo the accreditation process. Vocational centers, adult education centers, and SPED centers will not be part of this process.
- More detailed information will be shared with principals in upcoming meetings and professional development sessions.
- **Important:** Principals of all elementary schools, K-8 Centers and middle schools must complete the attached application to begin the accreditation process. Please fill out the section entitled *School Information*. Under the *Authorization* section, sign and include the date. Please disregard the comment at the top of the application. The District will handle payment of fees on behalf of all schools; therefore, page 2 was removed from the application. **The applications must be delivered to the school's respective Region Office no later than Friday, March 15, 2013 at noon.**
- Senior high schools have already submitted their applications.
- Senior high schools will no longer follow the previous accreditation process, effective immediately.
- Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Raquel Sotolongo, Instructional Support Specialist, Division of Academic Support, at 305 995-7390.

Contact: Dr. Maria P. de Armas, Assistant Superintendent (305 995 4202.)

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