



**OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Community Schools, Thriving Students*

# Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC) Accreditation Status Report

## Year in Review (2019-20)



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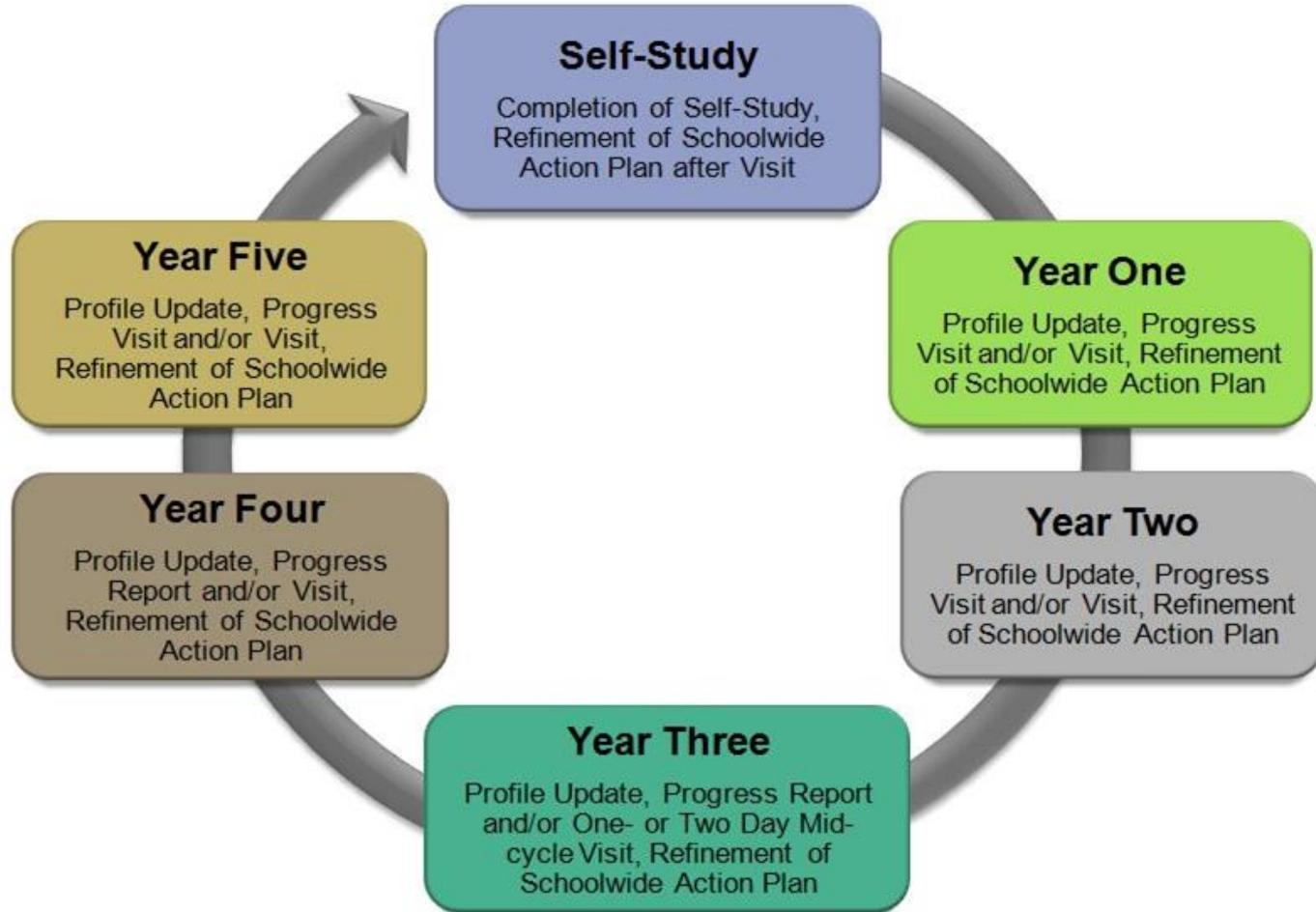
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# Why Accreditation?

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- ❑ Assures a school community that the school's purposes are appropriate and being accomplished through a viable education program — a trustworthy institution for student learning
- ❑ Validates the integrity of the school's program and transcripts  
Facilitates transfer of credits to other English-speaking schools — critical for college/university acceptance worldwide
- ❑ Fosters the ongoing improvement of the school's programs and operations to support student learning
- ❑ Provides valuable insight from fellow educators visiting the school  
Benefits schools that choose joint accreditation or other collaborative processes, e.g., ACS WASC/CDE.

# WASC 6 Year Accreditation Cycle and OUSD Continuous Improvement Cycles



# Self-Study Process/Full Visit

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- Involvement of **all stakeholders** in the self-study process.
- Clarification of the school's **purpose** and the schoolwide learner outcomes.
- Assessment of the **program of study** and its impact on student learning with respect to the ACS WASC criteria.
- Development of a **schoolwide action plan** that addresses identified areas for improvement.
- **Visiting committee validation** and enhancement based on accreditation criteria and standards, self-study, and findings from the visit.

# Follow-Up Process

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- Annual assessment of the **action plan** progress and refinement of the plan as needed.
- Completion of **progress reports** and/or reviews, e.g., annual reports.
- **Celebration of success** for the school

# Accreditation Statuses

Statuses	Level of Accreditation	What is Due
<b>Six-Year Accreditation Status with a Mid-cycle Progress Report</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>Mid-Cycle Progress Report</b>
<b>Six-Year Accreditation Status with a Mid-cycle Progress Report and One-Day Visit</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Mid-Cycle Progress Report and One-Day Visit</b>
<b>Six-Year Accreditation Status with a Mid-cycle Progress Report and Two-Day Visit</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Mid-Cycle Progress Report and Two-Day Visit</b>
<b>One- or Two-Year Probationary Accreditation Status with an In-depth Progress Report and Two-Day Visit</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>In-Depth Progress Report and Two-Day Visit</b>
<b>Accreditation Status Withheld</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>Seek reinstatement, request a Reinstatement Visit, and Two-Day Reinstatement Visit</b>

# OUSD High School Successes from 2019-20



## WASC Accredited!



Schools	Type of Visit	Status	Result
Life Academy	Mid-Cycle Review	Fully Accredited	Approved-6 Year
Community Day School	Mid-Cycle Review	Fully Accredited	Approved-6 Year
Madison Park Academy	Full Visit	Fully Accredited	Pending
MetWest	Full Visit	Fully Accredited	Pending
Sojourner Truth	Mid-Cycle Review	Fully Accredited	Visit Postponed
Fremont High School	Full Visit	Full Accredited	Visit Postponed

# OUSD High School WASC 2020-21



## 2020-21's Lineup

School	Action	Current Status
Sojourner Truth	Mid-Cycle Review	Fully Accredited
Fremont High School	Full Visit	Fully Accredited
Castlemont	Full Visit	Fully Accredited
McClymonds	Full Visit	Fully Accredited