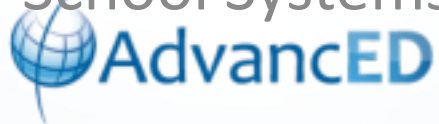


DISTRICT ACCREDITATION

Building and Recognizing Quality
School Systems



Who is Advance-ED

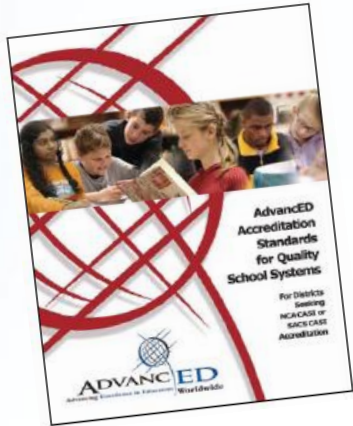
AdvancED is the world's largest education community, serving more than 27,000 public and private schools and districts across the United States and in 69 countries that educate more than 15 million students.

- A national protocol for school districts committed to systemic, systematic, and sustainable improvement
- Builds capacity to increase student learning and organizational effectiveness
- Stimulates, supports and ensures that all elements of the district work in harmony in pursuit of a shared vision

Cornerstones of Accreditation

- Standards
 - Quality School Systems
 - Quality Schools
- Continuous Improvement
 - Systems Approach
- Quality Assurance
 - Internal Assessment
 - External Review

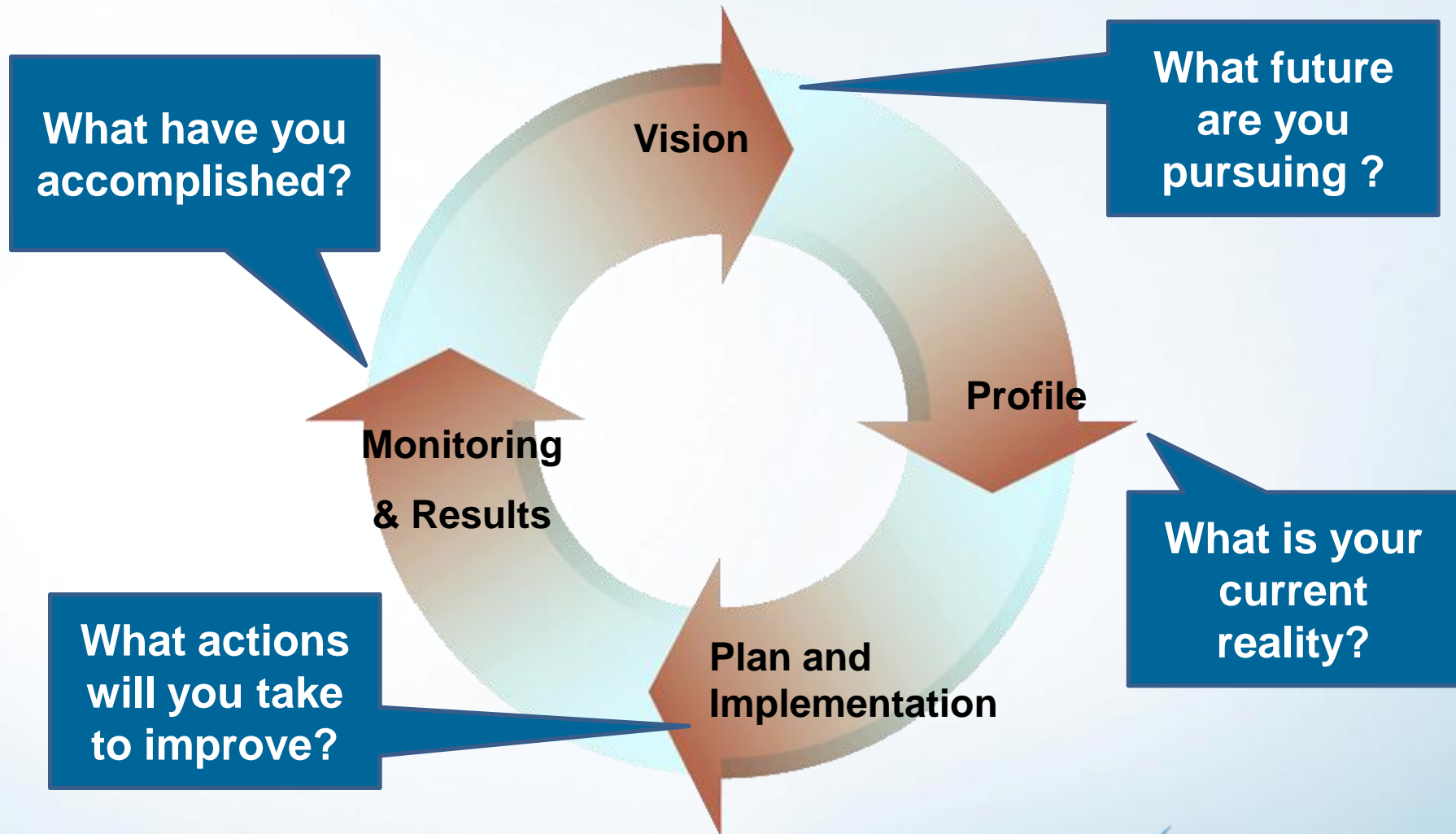
AdvancED Accreditation Standards



The district provides evidence of meeting the Standards for Quality Systems

- Vision and Purpose
- Governance and Leadership
- Teaching and Learning
- Documenting and Using Results
- Resources and Support Systems
- Stakeholder Communications and Relationships
- Commitment to Continuous Improvement

Improvement Process Elements



Quality Assurance Internal Review

The District:

- Regularly collects data and uses results
- Periodically assesses the accreditation standards for formative use
- Designs and implements a program of assessment practices to:
 - monitor and document improvement
 - provide meaningful feedback and support
 - ensure alignment across the system
- Completes and submits the Standards Assessment Report

Quality Assurance External Review

The QAR team

- Meets with district staff and stakeholders
- Visits a representative sample of schools
- Conducts interviews, reviews artifacts and records observations
- Provides feedback through standard narratives, commendations and required actions
- Presents findings in oral and written formats
- Makes an accreditation recommendation

Timing

District Responsibilities

Every year

- Monitor and ensure that every school in the district adheres to *AdvancED Accreditation Standards for Quality Schools*.
- Implement a continuous Adhere to the *AdvancED Accreditation Standards for Quality School Systems*.
- process of improvement.
- Engage in ongoing internal review and quality assurance.
- Document results of improvement efforts.
- Update school and district demographic information.
- Notify AdvancED of any substantive changes in the district's ability to meet the standards.
- Submit annual accreditation dues.

Between Six Months and Six Weeks
before Quality Assurance Review

- Prepare and submit the Standards Assessment Report. The report helps the school system prepare for the review and provides the review team with the basis for its evaluation.

Year of Quality Assurance Review

- Prepare for the Quality Assurance Review team, working with the team chair to establish the review schedule and make arrangements for the team.
- Gather evidence to document the district's adherence to the standards.
- Host the Quality Assurance Review team.
- Share the findings from the Quality Assurance Review team report with the district community.
- Begin acting on the team's recommendations.

Year following the Quality Assurance Review Visit

- Act on the team's recommendations and document progress.

Two Years following the Quality Assurance Review Visit

- Act on the team's recommendations and document progress.
- Submit the Accreditation Progress Report on the district's response to the team's recommendations.

District Vision Statement

It is the vision of the Kalkaska Public School District to be a model of education and a source of community pride. In this endeavor we seek to create an instructional program that maximizes the learning potential of all students.

Kalkaska Public Schools

*Thank you for your interest
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District Accreditation!*

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