

WRISA

ACCREDITATION NEWS

Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation

The Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation serves school communities through standards of excellence that promote continuous improvement.

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256 Schools are Accredited

At the September 14 and November 8, 2010 meetings, the WRISA Board of Directors accredited **256** schools.

In addition, the Board of Directors voted to 'Deny' accreditation to two schools that failed to submit required documents on time, and dropped four schools from candidacy. One school withdrew from membership voluntarily.

The Board of Directors is the sole authority in determining the accreditation status of a school. Its decision may differ from the "Recommendation" for accreditation made by a Visiting Team.

To view the complete list of schools, visit the WRISA website: www.wrisa.net after December 31, 2010 and click on the "WRISA Schools" link.

Schools Accredited for a Subsequent Cycle of Accreditation

Congratulations to the following schools that completed a seven year cycle of accreditation. After conducting a new Self Study, these schools hosted a Site Visit and submitted new Visiting Team documents and Long Range Plan to the Board of Directors.

Brookfield Christian School	Brookfield
Chilton Catholic School	Chilton
Divine Savior Catholic School	Kiel
Holy Rosary School	Darlington
Holy Trinity School	Kewaskum
Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School	Milwaukee
Our Lady of Lourdes School	De Pere

Our Lady of Sorrows School	Ladysmith
Our Lady of the Lake School	Ashland
Our Lady Queen of Peace School	Milwaukee
Peace Lutheran School	Sun Prairie
Prince of Peace/Principe de Paz School	Pulaski
Randolph Christian School	Randolph
Rosemary School	Fredonia
Sacred Heart School	Polonia
Salam School	Milwaukee
St. Agnes School	Butler
St. Anne School	Somerset
St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School	Park Falls
St. Clement School	Lancaster
St. Francis Catholic School	Manitowoc
St. Gregory School	St. Nazianz
St. John Bosco Catholic School	Green Bay
St. John-Sacred Heart School	Sherwood
St. John the Baptist Grade School	Plymouth
St. John Vianney School	Janesville
St. Joseph School	Fort Atkinson
St. Joseph School	Rice Lake
St. Katharine Drexel School	Beaver Dam
St. Louis School	Washburn
St. Mark Grade School	Kenosha
St. Mary School	Bloomington
St. Mary School	Portage
St. Mary School/Clarks Mills School	Cato
St. Mary's Springs Academy	Fond du Lac
St. Matthew School	Green Bay
St. Pius X School	Wauwatosa
St. Rafael the Archangel School	Milwaukee
St. Roman School	Milwaukee
St. Victor School	Monroe

Schools Accredited for the First Time

After successfully completing an intensive Self Study and hosting a Visiting Team, the following Candidate schools were recommended for and were granted initial accreditation by the Board of Directors. Congratulations go to:

Aquinas Catholic Schools	La Crosse
Faith Lutheran School	Fond du Lac
St. Lucas Ev. Lutheran School	Milwaukee
St. Mary School	Greenville

forms. Directions for using them are included with the documents. A login is required.

An Annual Calendar has been added to the Welcome Page.

Schools Accepted into Candidacy

The following schools applied for Candidacy and were accepted by the Board of Directors:

NOVA	Milwaukee
Sherman Park Lutheran School	Milwaukee
St. Francis Xavier School	Cross Plains
St. Mary School	Richland Center

School Improvement Plan

The Board of Directors has developed an additional Standard to address systemic school improvement in those schools that are involved in a school improvement process. Schools should consult their WRISA representative if they need information related to Standard D.

New Board Members Welcomed

The WRISA Board of Directors welcomes Jim Clark, Member-at-Large; Dave Schroeder, Representative for the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, (WELS); and Diane Walters, Representative for the Diocese of Green Bay.

Standard D: School Improvement Plan is a multi-year, data informed, systematic process that identifies what will be improved and how the plan will be implemented to demonstrate measurable gains or progress in attaining the identified goals.

Jim serves as principal at St. Francis School in Manitowoc. Dave serves as principal at Trinity School in Waukesha. Diane Walters serves as Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Diocese of Green Bay.

Schools involved in the school improvement process can access Standard D in the Annual Report Welcome page menu. Schools should also complete the 'School Improvement Annual Report Form' annually and submit it to WRISA with the rest of their Annual Report.

The Board of Directors thanks Dave Bartelt for serving first as Member-at-Large for two years, and then WELS representative for two years. Dave was also the treasurer for two years.

Board of Directors

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Changes Made to the Website

Please visit the WRISA website to view changes and additions to the website. The most current Policy and Procedures Handbook can be accessed there. Two changes in the Policy and Procedures Handbook are 1.) the addition of a section with procedures for making a complaint against a WRISA accredited school, and 2.) a revision of the appeals process.

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In addition, Self Study and Visiting Team documents and support materials can be downloaded from the website. Self Study and Visiting Team documents are now 'fillable'

Discriminatory practices based on race, ethnicity, or national origin are not used in admissions or other services. Church affiliated schools may give preference to members of their faith as allowed by law.