

Category III Non-Public School Approval Process, Rule

The Background:

The existing State Board rule on Category III schools lists only one regional accreditation agency. This rule amendment is necessary to expand and solidify the list of regional accreditation agencies recognized by the State Board. This change will not affect any existing schools under this category.

The Recommendation:

Board staff recommends acceptance of the rule revision on first reading

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Proposed Rule Revisions

Rule 0520-07-02-.06 “Category III: Regional Accreditation” is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and instead, substituting the following language:

Schools in this category are accredited by one of the following: any accreditation division of AdvancED (the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), the Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC), and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI)), the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA), the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), any accrediting association recognized by the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) Commission on Accreditation (e.g., the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)) or the National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA) according to the procedures and criteria established by the association.