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Ogemaw Heights High School Receives Continuous Accreditation through AdvancED

OHHS was recently awarded continuing accreditation through the NCA/AdvancED accreditation organization. This is part of the five year cycle of continual improvement process which Ogemaw Heights has participated in voluntarily since 1987. Accreditation is the recognition that is granted to institutions that continually aspire to meet a set of rigorous standards, utilize feedback from all stakeholder groups, and make changes to instruction and learning environments based on student performance.

The AdvancED model consists of an Internal Review, which is a self-reflection of current practice, and an External Review, which is conducted by an outside team of professional educators and is the culminating activity in the process.

Principal Jonathan Good was very pleased with the results and had this to say: “We are very proud of the continued accreditation award. It is testimony to the hard work, dedication and commitment of our staff, students and community. We were recognized for our areas of strength and we will use the feedback from the external review to focus our school improvement efforts moving forward.”

Below is an excerpt from the AdvancED website describing their organization and purpose:

AdvancED is the largest community of education professionals in the world. We are a non-profit, non-partisan organization that conducts rigorous, on-site external reviews of PreK-12 schools and school systems to ensure that all learners realize their full potential. While our expertise is grounded in more than a hundred years of work in school accreditation, AdvancED is far from a typical accrediting agency. Our goal isn't to certify that schools are good enough. Rather, our commitment is to help schools improve.

WHAT IS ACCREDITATION?

Accreditation is a voluntary method of quality assurance developed more than 100 years ago by American universities and secondary schools, and designed primarily to distinguish schools adhering to a set of educational standards. The accreditation process is also known in terms of its ability to effectively drive student performance and continuous improvement in education.

While accreditation is a set of rigorous protocols and research-based processes for evaluating an institution's organizational effectiveness, it is far more than that. Accreditation examines the whole institution—the programs, the cultural context, the community of stakeholders—to determine how well the parts work together to meet the needs of students.

Accreditation is both a significant achievement pronouncing an institution's quality of education,



Continuous Accreditation since 1987

as well as a remarkably enriching process for the institutions recognizing the tremendous competitive and performance gains it affords. Accredited schools and school systems see the untapped transformative power in the process of accreditation and are able to build true capacity to improve student learning and make continuous school improvement a distinctive reality. Accreditation is a force-multiplier. The process is a catalyst for transformative excellence, and AdvancED's accreditation process is designed on a standards-based framework to feed continuous improvement and transform education on a global scale. Education providers of all types around the world use AdvancED Accreditation.

WHY DOES ACCREDITATION MATTER?

Accreditation is designed to help educational institutions boost their ongoing performance efforts for the benefit of their students. AdvancED insists on a relentless pursuit of excellence – for itself and for the institutions it accredits. This ethic of excellence ensures that institutions will find rich benefits from accreditation and that parents can confidently make informed decisions about their children's education, knowing their child's school is accredited. Accreditation matters because our students deserve the highest level of educational excellence possible.

Ogemaw Heights students and their parents will:

- Experience ease in transferring credits from one school to another.
- Gain greater access to federal loans, scholarships, postsecondary education and military programs that require students attend an accredited institution.
- Benefit from their institution or educational system's commitment to raising student performance and accountability.
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Educational institutions that engage in AdvancED Accreditation will:

- Unite with a global network committed to standards of educational excellence.
- Earn the distinction of quality through the recognized seal of AdvancED accreditation.
- Experience a unified, clear, and powerful accreditation process with a scalable and sustainable evaluation of education quality.
- Receive external and objective validation of the areas in which they're doing well, and the areas for continuous improvement.
- Benefit from AdvancED research that shapes educational policy and improves learning practices.
- Experience a state-of-the-art web-based accreditation system that is continuously being upgraded and improved.
- Hear the best available ideas and thinking on education practices and trends through innovative products, educational technologies, and the collective knowledge of peers.
- Benefit from shared expertise and powerful professional learning through local and global workshops, training, conferences, and personalized service.