



District Accreditation FAQ



Q: What is district accreditation?

A: Accreditation itself is a process for schools to seek and maintain quality assurance. *District accreditation* applies the quality assurance process to a *school district*. Brown County Schools is pursuing district accreditation as a means of demonstrating continuous commitment to quality education.

Q: Who accredits school districts?

A: Brown County Schools is currently seeking accreditation by AdvancED, the largest, most rigorous school accreditation organization in the United States. AdvancED is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization that supports both school level and district level accreditation.

Q: What are the benefits of district accreditation?

A: The academic credits earned by students from an accredited school or district are recognized and accepted by other high schools as well as colleges and universities throughout the world. In addition, students have access to federal loans, various scholarships, and other post-secondary programs when graduating from an accredited program. District accreditation provides a school system with a systematic and sustainable process for continuous improvement for the benefit of students.

Q: When will Brown County Schools earn their district accreditation?

A: In mid-April 2012, Brown County Schools will have the opportunity to translate the seven AdvancED Standards into action by hosting a Quality Assurance Review (QAR). The district's vision of success through quality instruction will be shared with a team of educators from Indiana and around the country. Following the review, recommendations from the QAR Team will be reported to the district in a public meeting of the Brown County Board of School Trustees.