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ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is designed to assist schools in achieving and maintaining high educational standards and improving educational programs. Coordination or accreditation is the responsibility of the offices of school services, with reports filed with the Utah State Office of Education. Schools are accredited on the basis of standards prepared by the Utah State Office of Education or the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and are encouraged to use evaluative criteria as a means of judging their own effectiveness. Accreditation is required of all secondary schools.

The senior high schools are to be accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. The junior high schools are to be accredited by the Utah State Office of Education. The elementary schools, on a voluntary basis, are to be accredited by the Utah State Office of Education. Each year, after initial accreditation, every school must submit a report to the accrediting agency.

The Granite School District Board of Education is committed to having all of its high schools fully accredited. In order to belong as a member of the Northwest Accreditation Association of Schools and Colleges, a school must follow these procedures:

1. Each member school is required to participate in a self and-team evaluation once every ten years using the Evaluation Criteria approved by the State Committee.

Applicants for new membership (new schools) may be granted provisional membership for three years, at which time they must participate in a self-evaluation using the Evaluative Criteria for the National Study of School Evaluation or some other means of self-evaluation approved by the State Committee; and be reviewed by a visiting committee of the appraisal made in the self-evaluation. These applicants must substantially meet the standards established by the Association.

Following is the schedule of Senior High Schools self and team-evaluation; a small budget for expenses can be accessed through the office of school services:

1995-96	Olympus High
1996-97	Kearns High
1997-98	Cyprus High
1998-99	Available Option
1999-00	Available Option
2000-01	Available Option
2001-02	Granite High, Central High, Hunter High
2002-03	Granger High, Taylorsville High
2003-04	Cottonwood High, Skyline High

2. The principals of each member high school must submit an **annual** report to the State Accreditation Committee. This report is done on or before October 5 of each year. The standards to be followed are found in the latest edition of "Policies and Standards for Accreditation."
3. Junior high schools are required to comply with the Utah State Office of Education requirements for accreditation. **Annual** reports are required to be filed with the State Accreditation Committees by January 15, using the latest edition of "Procedures and Standards for Accrediting Junior High/Middle Schools in Utah."

Junior high schools undergo a self and team evaluation every ten years; a small budget for expenses can be accessed through the office of school services. Following is the schedule:

1995-96	Eisenhower Junior
1996-97	Brockbank, Wasatch, West Lake Junior
1997-98	Granite Park, Kennedy Junior
1998-99	Churchill, Valley Junior
1999-00	Hunter Junior
2000-01	Available Option
2001-02	Available Option
2002-03	Bennion, Kearns Junior
2003-04	Olympus, Bonneville Junior
2004-05	Evergreen, Jefferson Junior

Accreditation is a process of voluntary self regulation. It is a constructive experience designed to improve the quality of schools. Accreditation promotes evaluation which continually stimulates vital educational effort. Accredited schools meet the standards considered essential for quality education.

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