

Article X.A.7.        Accreditation

A.        Statement of Purpose

Accreditation is designed to assist schools in achieving and maintaining high educational standards and improving educational programs. Coordination of accreditation is the responsibility of the department of Curriculum and Instruction, with reports filed with the State Office of Education. Schools are accredited on the basis of standards prepared by the 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.