

Report to the K-10 Subcommittee of the North American Division Commission on Accreditation

Terms of Accreditation for Adventist Schools, K-10

School Year to

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_____ Conference Office of Education

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- A school may be reported as a new school for the first three years it is in operation with an evaluation taking place no later than during the third school year.
- If a school has never been evaluated or if a school's accreditation has expired, please comment. Use the back of the form if necessary.

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Directions

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(Commentary on the Sample Report which is attached.)

- Example 1: Best Elementary School had a full evaluation in the 1997-98 school year. They were given a two year term of accreditation with a revisit in two years. The revisit is scheduled for April 2000. The next full evaluation will be determined at the time of the revisit, and cannot be recorded at this time.
- Example 2: Dahl Junior Academy had a full evaluation during the 1993-94 school year and was given a five year term of accreditation. The next evaluation is scheduled for the 1996-97 school year. Since a full five-year term of accreditation was given a revisit should not be scheduled.
- Example 3: Jogger School had a revisit in January 97-98. Accreditation was granted for an additional three year period to complete the five-year term. The next full evaluation is scheduled for March 2001.
- Example 4: Lasway SDA School was evaluated in April 1993 and was granted a five-year term of accreditation. The next evaluation was scheduled for 1997-98 but because of a fire which destroyed part of the building the evaluation did not take place. Lasway was granted an extension of accreditation and the evaluation was rescheduled for April 1999. Unless an asterisk is placed by the name of the school, and a note of explanation is given on the back of the page, for statistical purposes Lasway SDA School accreditation has expired.
- NOTE: Accreditation for a school can be extended for one year at a time only. Extension of accreditation must be voted each year. A specific reason must be given for an extension of accreditation.
- Example 5: Adventist Christian School, a new school, has never been evaluated. It was first opened at the beginning of 1997-98 school year. The evaluation is scheduled for March 2000.
- NOTE: A school may be reported as a new school for the first three years it is in operation. For purposes of NADOE records the school is counted as accredited during this period. **Please indicate the school year in which a school was opened as shown in the sample.** If the date the school was opened is not provided, or if a new school was not visited and accreditation recommended during the third year of its operation, this school will be classified as never evaluated and will be counted as a non-accredited school.
- Example 6: Quickly Junior Academy has a full evaluation during the 1992-93 school year and was given a five year term of accreditation. Although an evaluation was scheduled for the 1997-98 school year, for some reason the visit did not take place. A justifiable reason was not given for extending accreditation; therefore, Quickly Junior Academy's accreditation expired at the close of the 1997-98 school year.
- Example 7: Roadway Junior Academy was given five full years of accreditation. However, because two or three major recommendations were made an interim review is required.
- Example 8: Laurel Heights School closed at the end of the 1996-97 school year and is noted on the form the month and year of closure.

Terms of Accreditation

The full term of accreditation is six years. This means that generally a full-scale evaluation with the preparation of a complete self-study will occur no more than once every six years. However, one or more interim visits or revisits could be scheduled during the six year term.

One of the following options is to be used in recommending terms of accreditation:

a. Six year with a written progress report (6 Clear) – A term of six years with a written progress report on implementation of the school-wide improvement action plans and major recommendations to be submitted during the third year.

b. Six years with an interim review (6IR) – A term of six years with annual written progress reports on implementation of the school-wide improvement action plans and major recommendations *AND* an on-site review by two or more (elementary) or three or more (secondary) members in the second or third year of the six-year term chaired by local union personnel (secondary) or local conference personnel (elementary). If the committee finds additional deficiencies in an action plan and/or responses to major recommendations, it may create new recommendations. One of the following term recommendations is to be made:

1. *Continuation* of accreditation up to the end of the six-year term as granted by the original on-site committee.
2. *Continuation* of accreditation with another interim review in one or two years covering all recommendations.
3. Placing the school on probation.

c. Partial six-year term with a revisit in two or three years (PR-2 or PR-3) – A revisit is scheduled when a full six-year term of accreditation is not recommended. A term of two or three years with annual written progress reports (with a copy to the local union office of education) on implementation of the school-wide improvement action plans, ALL recommendations *AND* an on-site revisit by a team of two or more (elementary) and three or more (secondary) persons. The chair of the original onsite team should chair the revisit (academies). If the committee finds additional deficiencies in an action plan and/or response to major recommendations, they may create new recommendations. One of the following recommendations is to be made:

1. *Extension* of accreditation up to the end of the six-year term with annual written progress reports continuing.
2. *Extension* of accreditation for less than the six-year term, indicating that the next visit would be another Revisit.
3. Placing the school on probation.

d. Probation – A school may be placed on probation until there is reasonable compliance with the Criteria for Accreditation and adequate progress on the school-wide improvement action plans and recommendations. Probationary status would be for one year with a revisit in the spring of the probationary year.

e. Accreditation denied – Denial of accreditation would be based on conditions detailed in the Visiting Committee Report showing that the school did not or could not reasonably meet the Criteria for Accreditation. This action terminates the school's official standing within the Adventist school system.

Note: Mission schools are counted as a school.