



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA) is to be a catalyst for enhancing the quality of Preschool to Grade 12 nonpublic education in Minnesota through a comprehensive process of accreditation.

Who May Seek Accreditation?

MNSAA accredits MN nonpublic schools that have been in existence for at least two years and have 501c3 nonprofit status. Nonpublic schools are private institutions of learning in which a resident may legally fulfill our State Compulsory Instruction Law. They are institutions of learning that have one: unified mission, administration, consistent curriculum, and local governing authority.

What Are Membership Costs?

Member schools of MNSAA pay annual dues reflective of the number of students enrolled. Costs to schools range between \$300-\$1650 averaging \$3 per student annually. Our Annual Conference is supported by a registration fee. There are additional expenses associated with renewal and onsite visits. Reasonable fees for services and benefits are possible because MNSAA utilizes the generosity and talent of volunteers from our membership.

Why Seek Accreditation?



CREDIBILITY

Delivers recognized credibility of the quality of the school's program in the eyes of stakeholders and the public.



VALIDATION of EXCELLENCE

Offers objective outside validation that a school has met high standards of excellence and is actively seeking a quality education program.



CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Provides for long-range strategic planning focused on student achievement and ongoing school improvement.



ACCOUNTABILITY

Provides local and ongoing accountability as schools provide annual reports identifying progress achieving goals, new opportunities or obstacles to growth, communication with stakeholders, and monitors the progress of its learners.

Overview of our Accreditation

MNSAA enhances the quality of education through a process of self-evaluation and ongoing improvement. An essential and vital principle is that our schools are evaluated in terms of how well they are guided by their own mission. Respect is given to the differences that exist among accredited schools. We subscribe to a traditional accreditation process in which every 7 years member schools are required to complete an extensive self-evaluation based on MNSAA standards. As a result of this reflection, a school develops a visionary strategic plan for improvement.

MNSAA Accreditation Standards:



- Mission & Philosophy
- Teaching & Learning
- Quality of Personnel
- Leadership & Governance
- Climate for Learning
- Community Relations
- Strategic Plan for Improvement



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