

Policy for Probation Status

Probation is a public status signifying that the Commission on Independent Schools has found that conditions exist at the school which if left uncorrected pose a direct and immediate threat to the school's ability to retain its accreditation.

A school is placed on Probation by action of the Board of Trustees of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges upon the recommendation of the Commission. Pursuant to Board policies (see Appendix E).

A school holding probationary status is subject to close scrutiny by the Commission. The school is expected to take appropriate corrective action within a specified time period. Failure to resolve the cause for probation will lead to an action asking the school to show cause why its accreditation should not be removed.

Probation is a public status indicated in any Association publication or communication about the affected school. The Association will also provide in its relevant publications notice of the availability of a statement regarding the school's probationary status as well as a plan to monitor the school. This statement will be developed by the Commission in consultation with the school. However, the Commission reserves the right to make final determination as to its nature and content.

A school on Probation is obliged to disclose its status as well as the availability of additional information on its probationary status to prospective students, those currently enrolled, and the public in its catalog and recruitment materials. The following statement will be used:

(School Name) is accredited on Probation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, effective *(date)*, because it has not fully met the accreditation standard(s) on _____. A statement providing further information about the probationary status will be made available upon request by:

Commission on Independent Schools
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