

## **Policy Regarding Schools Affiliated with Other Governing or Accrediting Entities**

Many member schools of the Commission on Independent Schools have responsibilities to other accrediting associations, diocesan central offices, and/or to government entities. NEASC seeks to communicate and, where possible, to cooperate with these groups in ways that will minimize the duplication of effort for schools. However, the Commission accredits schools as individual and independent institutions according to the policies of NEASC. Therefore:

1. The Commission will not enforce the requirements of other associations, offices, or entities as part of its accreditation process.
2. The Commission will not waive or modify its standards to correspond with the requirements of other associations, offices, or entities.

In certain circumstances, the Commission has agreed to cooperate with another accrediting association to conduct a joint visit to a school. The Commission has agreed to include representatives of the other association on the visiting committee and has allowed the school to add sections to its self-study at the request of the other association. All elements of the NEASC accreditation process are followed, however, and granting of NEASC accreditation is based solely on the NEASC components of the jointly-conducted evaluation.

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