Introducing the 2024 Accreditation Standards

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Principles Guiding the New Standards

• Align with Commission’s Eligibility Requirements, policies, and values
• Reflect current norms and practices within US higher education
• Focus on outcomes and improvement rather than processes
• Reflect the diversity of ACCJC member institutions
• Use clear language and minimize redundancies
• Balance accountability and improvement
• Emphasize equity and inclusion
New Standards and Philosophical Approach

- **Standard 1:** Institutional Mission and Effectiveness
- **Standard 2:** Student Success
- **Standard 3:** Infrastructure and Resources
- **Standard 4:** Governance and Decision-Making

**Mission Alignment**

**Focus on Equitable Outcomes**

**Focus on Innovation and Improvement**
New Standards & Holistic Institutional Approach

Address where relevant to the Standard:

- Technology and modality
- Baccalaureate degrees
- District’s role in multi-college districts
Overview of Major Changes in the Standards

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<td>Repetitive and siloed</td>
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<td>Streamlined and holistic</td>
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<td>“do you have a process”</td>
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<td>“what are the results, and how do you use them”</td>
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<td>Narrative required for everything</td>
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<td>120 Standards (127 for multi-college districts)</td>
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<td>30 Standards for all colleges</td>
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New Resources to Support the Changes

- ACCJC ACCREDITATION HANDBOOK
- REPORT TEMPLATES WITH EMBEDDED GUIDANCE
- ONLINE CERTIFICATION MODULES FOR PEER REVIEWERS
New Standards: Outcomes versus Processes

Library & Learning Supports

Fiscal Resources

Professional Development

Data & Analysis

Innovations

Improvements

Equitable Student Success
Focus on Continuous Transformation

Initial → Emerging → Developed → Highly Developed
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From having a mission to fulfilling your mission with demonstrated equitable outcomes
Institutional Self-Evaluation Report

TELL YOUR STORY
Forward-Looking Framework for Reflection

1. What did you do?
2. What was the outcome?
3. What did you learn?
4. What will you do differently?
Evolving Expectations for Institutional Self-Evaluation Reports

New ISER Template  (embedded instructions for each section)

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<td>B. Institutional Self-Evaluation of Alignment with the Accreditation Standards</td>
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