

**The Value of ACSI Accreditation**

ACSI offers a unique, internationally recognized accreditation protocol that is created particularly for Christian Schools. In addition, all six United States regional accrediting agencies partner with ACSI in dual-accreditation visits so that Christian schools who use the ACSI protocol can achieve regional and ACSI accreditation through one site visit.

What is the **value** of ACSI accreditation?

1. It provides a proven and effective structure for ongoing school improvement based on standards of quality established by the international education community.
2. It affirms credibility and accountability within a school’s local community – proof of instructional effectiveness through a process of self-assessment and peer review.
3. It allows for the smooth transfer of credits between other K-12 schools and ultimately, full acceptance of credits at colleges and universities.
4. It opens the door to student scholarships, entrance into the U.S. Military Academies, and expanded opportunities in Higher Education.
5. It provides networking and professional relationships that include conferences, educational resources, training, and support.
6. It documents that the school is true to its own foundational statements, that is, its mission, vision, core values, and student learning outcomes.
7. It explores the effectiveness of the school’s biblical integration and worldview in the curriculum which is so critical in 21st Century education.
8. It provides approval by the United States Department of Education for the Student and Visitor Exchange Program (SEVP), the Student and Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS), and for accepting I-20 and I-17 students.
9. It provides the approval needed to administer College Board/ACT Exams on the school site.
10. It offers an Early Education accreditation component to promote professionalism and excellence in preschool programs.
11. It offers specialized protocols for online, hybrid, and residential programs.