When considering a school, your family has likely already identified a set of criteria for selection that matters to you – often aligning it with your values, standards, and expectations surrounding not only the academic experience but also the community you will soon join. With a vast array of options to consider in both non-public and public schools, it can be challenging to weigh all options equally. As they say, with choice, comes responsibility.

Since independent schools are responsible for their own funding, curriculum, and administration, independent schools are free to set and pursue their own goals. Accreditation provides a level of comfort and peace of mind in knowing that the independent school you are considering has made a commitment to operate at a level of excellence and standards determined by outside qualified education professionals. An independent school’s affirmation to uphold the best possible outcomes for students by meeting these standards signifies a concerted level of commitment and quality in academia to you and your student – holding themselves accountable to stay relevant and to continuously improve.

7 REASONS WHY

HIGH STANDARDS
Our schools follow a set of rigorous standards that reflect the proven characteristics of good independent schools.

MISSION-PROGRAM CONGRUENCE
Accreditation by ACIS offers assurance that an independent school provides the character and quality of education claimed.

THIRD-PARTY ACCOUNTABILITY
The rigorous accreditation process of ACIS requires meaningful and comprehensive evaluation of the school by outside experts who validate strengths and hold school leaders accountable for addressing weaknesses.

SCHOOL VIABILITY
ACIS accreditation assesses the financial viability of our schools and whether the leadership is effective and can maintain long-term stability.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT
To maintain our accreditation, school leaders must demonstrate a commitment to continuous improvement.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
For students at the high school level, school accreditation facilitates acceptance into college. Students from accredited schools often receive priority consideration, while those from unaccredited schools must provide special evidence to demonstrate their readiness for higher education.

LEGAL COMPLIANCE
Accreditation ensures schools meet or exceed relevant government regulations involving: health, fire, safety, sanitation, and other requirements.

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