



Cumberland County Schools Awarded AdvancED School System Accreditation

The Cumberland County School (CCS) system has been granted AdvancED School System Accreditation from the AdvancED Accreditation Commission, the national commission that confers the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) accreditation seal. This means that the system and all of its schools are accredited, and the Cumberland County Schools system is recognized across the nation as a quality school system.

The accreditation process involves three ongoing components: 1) meeting high quality standards; 2) implementing a continuous process of improvement; and 3) engaging in quality assurance through internal and external review. The system's accreditation is for a five-year term with regular monitoring of progress and reporting occurring during the term.

“School System Accreditation as conferred by the AdvancED Accreditation Commission provides the CCS a nationally recognized mark of quality for our system and all the schools within our system,” said Dr. Frank Till, superintendent of the CCS. “It demonstrates to our community our commitment to excellence, our openness to external review and feedback, and our desire to be the best we can on behalf of the students we serve. Also, ‘many thanks’ are extended to CCS’ employees for the work they do and the services they provide each day. Without each of them, this school system’s success would not be possible.”

Dr. Mark Elgart, president/CEO of AdvancED, stated: “AdvancED School System Accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire school system on the primary goal of creating lifelong learners. The Cumberland County School system is to be commended for engaging in this process and demonstrating a commitment to continuous improvement.”

Parents and interested community members can learn more about the System Accreditation Process at www.advanc-ed.org.

About the CCS

The Cumberland County School (CCS) system is the fifth largest school district in North Carolina and the 78th largest in the nation. The system serves more than 52,000 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12th in 87 schools. The federal government is the largest employer in the county, followed by the CCS. More than 16,161 (31.20 percent) CCS’ students are military connected. The CCS serves a very diverse student population with students from more than 44 different countries. More than 80 different native languages are spoken by students in the CCS. Located in southeastern North Carolina, Cumberland County has a mix of urban and suburban characteristics.

About AdvancED and SACS CASI

Dedicated to advancing excellence in education through accreditation, research and professional services, AdvancED is the world's largest education community, serving and engaging 30,000 public and private schools and school systems in more than 70 countries and serving over 16 million students. AdvancED is the parent organization of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI).

SACS CASI is a non-governmental, voluntary agency that accredits nearly 13,000 public and non-public institutions throughout the world.