



Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools

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OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF ACCREDITATION

December 1, 2009

Ms. Chermaine Hobson – Johnson
Acting Principal
Saint Croix Central High School
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Dear Ms. Hobson:

It is my pleasure to inform you that, at its Fall 2009 meeting, the Commission on Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools voted to remove Saint Croix Central High School Probationary Accreditation and grant the following:

ACCREDITATION

Your school's accreditation will expire on December 1, 2012.

The Commission's policy defines Accreditation as:

An "Accredited" institution is an educational organization that meets all MSA Standards for Accreditation, adheres to applicable MSA policies, and meets the requirements of the self-study protocol used. The institution agrees to adhere to the requirements for maintenance of accreditation, and there are no outstanding issues related to the Standards or requirements of the protocol that would require monitoring or on-site visits beyond the normal expected events required by the protocol utilized.

MONITORING ISSUES

In the course of its review of your school's self-study and the Validation Team's report of its visit, the Commission on Secondary Schools identified an issue(s) of concern that, although not rising to the level of a stipulation to your school's accreditation, warrants monitoring to ensure that your school takes the necessary actions to resolve the concern. A monitoring issue may relate to a Standard for Accreditation, an Indicator of Quality, or a requirement of the protocol. A monitoring issue refers to an expectation or requirement that is not met fully—either it is something that has been started and needs to be completed, or it is something that the school is doing but needs to be improved.

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A monitoring issue does not have an effect on your school's accreditation at this time. Your school's actions to resolve the Commission's concern will be addressed in the Mid-Term Report and assessed by Middle States staff. If the staff determines that an issue has not been resolved satisfactorily, the Commission may elect to add it as a stipulation to your school's accreditation, which would change your accreditation status from Accreditation to Accreditation with Stipulations.

Monitoring issue(s):

By January 1, 2010, the school must submit a report on the status of the completion of the following areas:

1. Upgrades to the school's electrical system,
2. Renovations to the vocational buildings, and
3. Installation of lockers in the locker rooms.

ACCREDITATION MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

Throughout the term of accreditation, your school will be expected to meet the following requirements outlined in Commission Policies 1.2. (Expectations for Accredited Institutions) to maintain its accreditation:

1. Continue to submit an annual review of progress to be submitted by May 1, 2010 and each year thereafter.
2. Continue to meet the Commission's Standards for Accreditation.
3. Comply with all Commission policies. The policies can be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.css-msa.org/policies/index.html>.
4. Notify the Commission prior to making any substantive changes to the goals for which the school received accreditation.
5. Make a good faith effort to fulfill your commitment to implement your Plan for Growth and Improvement and to achieve your performance objectives.
6. Submit an Annual Profile updating statistical data and information about your school.
7. Pay annual membership dues and any applicable fees.

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8. Nominate members of your school's professional staff who meet the qualifications for and are willing to serve on an evaluation team. Commission Policy 3.2 requires each school to release at least one staff person per year, when requested, to serve on an evaluation team.
9. In the final year of your accreditation term, begin a self-study to prepare for the next Validation Team visit.

Please accept our sincere congratulations on the recognition of your school as an accredited member of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Enclosed please find your Commission on Secondary Schools accreditation certificate and other materials you can use to make this achievement known to your community of stakeholders. We are pleased that you continue to be among the schools throughout the world that meet the internationally recognized standards of quality of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Sincerely,


Henry G. Cram, Ed.D.
President

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Next Activities Due:

Team Visit: **Spring 2012**

Accreditation Expires: **December 1, 2012**

MSA Internal School Code: **VI004**