

NLSA ACCREDITATION – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. Some statistics
 - a. Nationally – 520 schools with or without an early childhood program accredited
 - b. Nationally – 80 freestanding early childhood programs accredited
 - c. Nationally – 56 high schools accredited
 - d. Florida-Georgia – 37 schools with or without an early childhood program accredited
 - e. Florida-Georgia – 12 freestanding early childhood centers accredited
 - f. Florida-Georgia – 2 schools in process for the first time

2. Process for schools scheduled to begin the re-accreditation self-study
 - a. July/August – contact administrators to determine which process would be most beneficial to their school (LS Portal has all the self-study processes)
 - b. August-October – schools make district and NLSA application and pay fees (forms are available on the FL-GA District website)
 - c. September – District Accreditation Commission (DAC) meeting appoints a consultant to the school
 - d. October-January – consultant visits school to get them going in the new process
 - e. October-May – school should report progress on a monthly basis to the consultant
 - f. Early June – consultant reports school progress at the DAC meeting
 - g. Early August – administrator is informed as to when and what to present to the DAC in September (the morning of the first day of the Educators Conference)
 - h. September – administrator presents progress to the DAC
 - i. September-April – complete self-study and have team visit

3. Dates to remember if a school is in Years 1-4 of the accreditation cycle
 - a. Early October – annual fee due to NLSA in St. Louis, and to the FL-GA District
 - b. April 15 – Cumulative Annual Report (CAR) due to FL-GA District in Orlando

4. What's unique in our district?
 - a. 12 trained consultants/team captains
 - b. 3 DAC meetings per year
 - September – face-to-face meeting
 - January – electronic meeting
 - June – teleconference meeting (recommending continuing or re-accreditation)
 - c. Administrators meet the DAC to demonstrate readiness for a team visit
 - d. Support of Mark and Lynda

5. Accreditation status
 - a. Provisional – usually involves safety issues, curriculum, 3-year financial plan, required attachments, inadequate School Improvement Plan (goals/objectives/strategies)
 - b. In good standing
 - c. Exemplary

- 90% general indicators of success rated “met in full”
 - academic preparation of students
 - stakeholder and community perception of the school
 - replicable best practices
6. NLSA/AdvancED partnership
- a. \$750 AdvancED fee, \$450 NLSA fee, \$350 district fee (fees subject to change)
 - b. AdvancED self-study with NLSA integration of standards
 - Self-Assessment Workbook for Schools
 - School Accreditation, A Handbook for Schools
 - Guide for Administering Diagnostics
 - Guide to Administering Stakeholder Surveys
 - Completing the Student Performance Worksheet
 - NLSA Assurances
 - c. http://extranet.advanc-ed.org/school_resources_and_tools/
7. What should you locate at your school?
- a. Last self-study document
 - b. Last visiting team report
 - c. Last Cumulative Annual Report (CAR)
 - d. NLSA materials on Luthed.org
8. Where do you go to find information?
- a. <http://www.Luthed.org>
 - b. Florida-Georgia website
 - c. Glenn Moenning, FL-GA District Commissioner
 - gmoenning@verizon.net
 - 813-335-8605
 - d. Mark Brink
 - Mbrink@flgadistrict.org
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 - 314-996-1292
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