



Ancillae -Assumpta Academy

Middle States Reaccreditation Update

January, 2012

Creativity at Work

Middle States Timeline

Summer, 2010

Workshop on protocol

Fall, 2010

Administration studies protocol

Winter, 2011

Faculty Standards Review

Spring, 2011

Community informed of
Renewing the Vision protocol

Internal Scanning

Summer, 2011

Survey Results studied

September, 2011

Planning Committee established

October, 2011

External Scan

Mission Statement reviewed
Creation of Belief Statements

November, 2011

Critical Issues Identified

Goal Writing

December, 2011

Revision of Mission and

Belief Statements

Standards Revision

Goal finalized

Action Plan drafting

January, 2012

Action Plan drafting

Standards finalized

February, 2012

Action Plans finalized

Faculty In-service

Pre-Visit

March, 2012

Final Report compiled

MS Team Visit

Dear Faculty, Staff, Parents, and Students,

The Middle States strategic planning committee has been busy at work editing draft after draft of action plans for our Renewing the Vision goals. And although this work is sizable, it is truly energizing. With hopeful hearts we look to creating real working documents to direct Ancillae-Assumpta Academy to attain growth in areas that will foster the community we love so dearly and prepare our students "with love and for love" to make positive and lasting contributions to our world. The timeline featured in this newsletter shares the progress Ancillae-Assumpta has made in its reaccreditation journey but cannot possibly list the multitude of individuals and groups who have so generously given of their time, energy, and attention to move us closer to completing our strategic planning efforts. What a tremendous example of *Creativity At Work!* On behalf of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I offer my sincere gratitude for the unity and dedication demonstrated by our community.

Gratefully,

Kerry Harp

Meeting the Standards

All accreditation protocols require the school to demonstrate that it meets certain standards established by the Middle States Commission. The school must first review and assess its adherence to each standard. The results are then submitted to the visiting team as part of the planning document. The visiting team will utilize the responses, along with analyses of action plans and onsite interviews, to determine the extent to which the school meets the twelve standards listed.

1. **Philosophy/Mission**
2. **Governance and Leadership**
3. **School Improvement Planning**
4. **Finances**
5. **Facilities**
6. **School Climate and Organization**
7. **Health and Safety**
8. **Educational Programs**
9. **Assessment and Evidence of Student Learning**
10. **Student Support and Services**
11. **Student Life and Activities**
12. **Information Resources and Technology**

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"An accredited school is devoted to its mission, knows itself, keeps its promises, accepts an objective peer evaluation, is recognized internationally, plans for the future, and actively participates in the responsibilities of the profession." (MSCES)



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Surveys said...

In the spring of 2011, faculty, parents, and students were invited to participate in surveys to determine the satisfaction level of the school community. Below are sample responses from the Educational Program section of the survey. Responses from other areas of the survey will appear in future updates.

Faculty ~ 66 responses

96.8 % of respondents agree that students receive a strong foundation in basic skill areas.

93.6% of respondents agree that students are in an environment where they are both challenged and affirmed.

93.5 % of respondents agree that teachers have sufficient resources to deliver excellent instruction.

86.9 % of respondents agree that student progress is communicated effectively.

Parents ~ 185 responses

94.9% of respondents agree that students receive a strong foundation in basic skill areas.

90.4% of respondents agree that our children are in an environment where they are both challenged and affirmed.

94.3% of respondents agree that the Academy is current with its technology offerings and resources.

85.9% of respondents agree that the curriculum is communicated effectively.

6th,7th,8th grade Students~ 163 responses

"The education is very good and prepares me for life ahead."

"At Ancillae we receive a great education and learn to respect others' opinions and ideas."

"I think AAA does an excellent job in educating its students. Students who graduate from here go on to excel in high school, college, and as an adult."

"I look forward to going to school each day. I want to get out of bed and prepare myself to learn."

