



MSA STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION

Standard 1 – Philosophy and Mission

This committee will be reviewing our Mission and philosophies and making sure that the entire school community understands and supports this Mission.

Standard 2 – Governance and Leadership

The Committee will be looking at our leadership, and establishing if our Head of School and Principals strive to ensure the integrity, effectiveness, reputation and continuity of the school through well established policies, adequate resources, and a high quality curriculum and that long-range and strategic planning is defined in order to accomplish the school's Mission and goals.

Standard 3 – School Improvement Planning

The Committee will enquire whether AAS' administration and faculty have developed a long-range strategic plan to improve its educational program. This plan should be linked to the school's Mission and operational plans and focus on the continuous improvement of student performance and professional and organizational growth.

Standard 4 – Finances

The Committee will evaluate if AAS' financial resources are sufficient to provide the educational opportunities defined in the school's Mission. Attention will be given to the business practices and standardized accounting principles followed by financial officers at the school.

Standard 5 – Facilities

In this Committee we will be looking into our School Facilities, specifically how safe, clean and well-maintained they are. We will be confirming if the physical environment supports AAS' curriculum and optimal student development and achievement and whether the facilities are appropriate and adequate to implement the school's Mission.

Standard 6 – School Climate and Organization

This Committee will be evaluating if AAS' organizational structure and climate support the school's curriculum. In order for this to occur, the Administration, faculty, and support staff must be qualified to provide a quality educational experience.

Standard 7 – Health and Safety

In this Committee we will be checking to see if a safe and healthy environment for teaching and learning is provided and health, safety, emergency, and crisis management policies are clearly written, implemented, and updated regularly. Does AAS adhere to local, state, and federal government health and safety requirements?

Standard 8 – Educational Program

Members of this Committee will enquire whether AAS has a planned and well-executed curriculum that includes appropriate academic standards and assessment, based on research and best practices and if the curriculum addresses the needs of all students and challenges them at every level.



Standard 9 – Assessment and Evidence of Student Learning

Throughout the year, the school collects and analyzes quantifiable and observable evidence of individual learning and growth from many resources. This committee will look at evidence of student learning and see if it is used to evaluate and improve curriculum effectiveness and professional development.

Standard 10 – Student Services

Members of this Committee will see if AAS has written policies that provide all students with services to help optimize opportunities for life-long success and carries out the policies therein. This includes freshmen orientation, Graduation Path options, career planning through our College Counselor Services, and personalized counseling.

Standard 11 – Student Life and Student Activities

This Committee will see if AAS offers a balance of academic, social, and extracurricular activities to its students. We will strive to confirm that these activities foster intellectual, cultural, and social growth along with physical health and wellness. These activities should be adequately financed, managed by AAS' administration and Board of Directors, and are tied into AAS' mission.

Standard 12 – Information Resources and Technology

Work in this committee will lead to determining if AAS' information resources and technology are easily accessible and provide quality service to our staff and students. AAS' computer and technology needs are appropriately maintained and receive annual funding from the school's budget.

If you have any questions about the process, you can email our Middle State Internal Coordinator, Caroline Carpio at carpio@aquinasmadrid.es