

## Approved Accreditation organizations

- ANSAA
  - List of Accreditation Standards
    - [http://www.ansaa.com/uploads/2/6/1/3/26134429/ansaa\\_mandatory\\_standards\\_-\\_2020\\_edition.pdf](http://www.ansaa.com/uploads/2/6/1/3/26134429/ansaa_mandatory_standards_-_2020_edition.pdf)
  - The first step towards accreditation in the ANSAA organization is to become an Associate member. The criteria for Associate membership is below.
    - In using the ANSAA name in relation to the school's membership, the term Non-accredited Associate Member will be used in all school publications i.e., website, advertisements, and any other written materials.
    - All schools must be incorporated as a non-profit, 501 (C) (3). Proof of this must be filed with the ANSAA office.
    - All schools must be a complete unit as defined by the school's mission and approved by ANSAA Board of Directors. Examples of current approved units: Elementary K-4, K-5, K-6, K-8; Middle 5-9, 6-8, 7-8; High School 7-12, 9-12 or 10-12; or School System K-12.
    - Schools must be established at least one year before applying for Non-Accredited Associate Membership.
    - Schools may remain as Non-Accredited Associate Members for an indefinite time. Note that schools may not apply for initial accreditation until one full year of membership in ANSAA as an Associate School.
    - Associate members must submit an Annual Report addressing the ANSAA mandatory (starred) standards. Schools will be asked to report their progress in reaching candidacy status. This is completed annually by September 15.
- Cognia
  - List of accreditation Standards
    - <https://www.cognia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/APS-Schools-Overview.pdf>
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- Montessori
  - List of Accreditation Standards
    - <https://amshq.org/Educators/Montessori-Schools/AMS-Accreditation/Accreditation-Standards>
  - The AMS school accreditation process has several distinct components:
    - Application
    - Application review and candidacy determination
    - Self-study and report
    - Onsite visit and report
    - Review by the AMS School Accreditation Commission and the AMS Board of Directors