

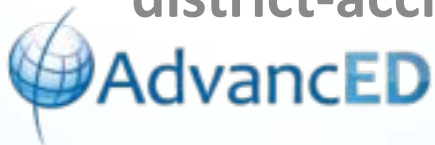
# **AdvancED Accreditation**

## **Horry County Schools**



**Horry County School Board**  
**August 2015**

- **AdvancED accredits 32,000 schools and districts in USA and 70 countries**
- **World's largest organization serving PK-12 education**
- **Formed by merger of SACS and two other regional accrediting associations in 2006**
- **Horry County was first in SC to be district-accredited in 2008**



# Accreditation Options

- **Option 1:** Districts and schools may be accredited through the South Carolina Department of Education (SDE).
- **Option 2:** Districts and schools may choose to be accredited by AdvancED/Southern Associations of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

*Note: Option 2 may only be used if the school district or individual school has met all SDE accreditation standards and has no deficiencies.*



# Expectations for Accreditation

## *For a School District*

- Meet AdvancED Standards for Quality Systems
- Identify and guide implementation of systemic, continuous improvement process
- Monitor schools and departments through quality assurance process
- Prepare and host External Review every five years
- Respond to findings from External Review Team

# Internal Review

## *A Critical Piece of the Improvement Process*

- Self Assessment
- Improvement Plan
- Stakeholder Feedback Diagnostics
- Student Performance Diagnostics
- Assurances
- Executive Summary

# AdvancED

## Accreditation Standards for Quality Systems

Standard 1: Purpose and Direction

Standard 2: Governance and Leadership

Standard 3: Teaching and Assessing for Learning

Standard 4: Resources and Support Systems

Standard 5: Using Results for Continuous Improvement



*AdvancED Standards for Quality*

## Standard 2: Governance and Leadership

The system operates under governance and leadership that promote and support student performance and system effectiveness.

- Effective administration
- Operates responsibly
- Autonomy to meet goals for achievement
- Manage day-to-day operations effectively
- Culture consistent with purpose and direction

# HCS 2015-16 AdvancED Timeline:

## **August-December 2015**

- Schools self-assess Standards 1-5
- Staff, student and parent online surveys
- Student demographic and assessment data loaded
- Schools wraps up Standards, Assurances, Executive Summary

## **January-April 2016**

- District self-assessment of Standards 1-5
- All accreditation data loaded in preparation for on-site review
- District teams complete all preparation for AdvancED review

## **May 1-4, 2016**

External Team site review; visits to schools; meetings with stakeholders

## **Following the Review**

- Identification by External Team of Powerful Practices and Required Actions
- Accredited by AdvancED Board of Directors

