

To All TCCED Accredited Schools:

As TCC finalizes its partnership agreement with AdvancED (SACS CASI) we want accredited schools to note the following:

TCC/AdvancED ACCREDITATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT GUIDELINES

1. All TCC schools currently accredited by SACS CASI with Self Assessments scheduled in 2013 - 2014 (including the spring of 2014) are eligible to have their AdvancED accreditation grandfathered into the next cycle in order to provide school, team and chairperson training on the new partnership model. Schools will retain SACS CASI accreditation throughout the cycle.
2. SACS CASI has agreed to follow the TCCED cycle of seven (7) years instead of their usual five (5).
3. TCCED and AdvancED will create a joint training process for TCC schools on the integrated model with the first schools participating in the new partnership being those scheduled for an Accreditation Visit in the fall of 2014.
4. Key components of the TCC /AdvancED Partnership call for TCC schools to conduct a Self Study/Self-Assessment for both TCC and AdvancED in one seamless integrated process to eliminate duplication and reduce costs.
5. Under the partnership agreement TCCED will be responsible for identifying and training Chairpersons. Team members for all TCCED / AdvancED partnership accreditation visits will continue to be selected by the Diocesan department of schools.
6. TCCED will be communicating a timeline and training schedule this summer for TCCED schools wanting to participate in this partnership agreement. Training will be conducted beginning in the fall of 2013.
7. **As a benefit of the new partnership agreement, any currently TCCED only accredited school, who is in good standing, will have a one-time opportunity to receive SACS CASI accreditation without conducting an AdvancED Self-Assessment or peer review visit during an open enrollment period that expires May 10, 2013.**

HOW TO GET DUAL ACCREDITATION FOR TCCED ONLY ACCREDITED SCHOOLS

Schools accredited by TCC only who wish to become jointly accredited with SACS CASI **should fill out the AdvancED application by May 10, 2013 and send it to TCCED with the AdvancED annual fee - \$725.00 payable to AdvancED.** Note that the application fee of \$350.00 is waived – schools will not need to submit this application fee. **Please send all materials to TCCED at PO BOX 13285 Austin TX 78711 and not to AdvancED / SACS CASI.** For questions contact your Diocesan superintendent or Margaret McGettrick (margaret@txcatholic.org) or Marsha Solana (marsha@txcatholic.org) at 512-339-8416.