

# BISHOP GEORGE AHR HIGH SCHOOL

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## Middle States Accreditation!



*Who or What is*

# **The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools??**

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- Established in 1887
  - One of 6 regional accrediting organizations in the US/World
  - Non-profit
  - Provides to members leadership in educational growth and improvement
  - Peer administered
  - Self-regulating for quality, improvement
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# What is Accreditation?

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- ❑ The Good Housekeeping seal for schools
  - ❑ Granted to individual institutions
  - ❑ Literally derived from middle French/Italian meaning “trustworthiness”
  - ❑ Provides Accountability
  - ❑ Implies Quality
  - ❑ *Accredited institutions can be trusted by the public to be what they claim they are and do what they claim to do!*
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# Accreditation . . .

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- ... Encourages & facilitates educational change through growth & improvement
  - ... Provides a means of accountability
  - ... Fosters stakeholder involvement & commitment
  - ... Meets State and Federal mandates
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# Accreditation . . .

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... Examines the entire institution

... Ensures there is a plan for the future

... Validates the integrity of the institution's programs, students, transcripts

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# What are the basics of Accreditation For Growth?

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- ❑ An instrument of **self-study** designed for the mature, well-established school
  - ❑ Managed by a **Planning Team** as a part of the leadership structure of the school
  - ❑ Part 1-- an analysis of the school in terms of the **12 Standards** of Accreditation
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# The 12 Standards of Accreditation

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1. Philosophy, Mission, Beliefs, Objectives
  2. Governance & Leadership
  3. Organizational Design & Staffing
  4. Educational Programs
  5. Learning Media Services & Technology
  6. Student Services
  7. Student Life & Student Activities
  8. Facilities
  9. Health & Safety
  10. Finances
  11. Assessment of Student Learning
  12. Planning
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# Accreditation For Growth Basics

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- Part 2--The Planning Process
    - Leads to 2-3 measurable **student performance objectives**
    - Establishes **Action Plans** to achieve the objectives within 7 years
  
  - Complete & detailed documentation of both the Standards Review & Planning Process
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# AFG Timeline

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## □ Spring 2006:

- Established BGA Planning Team & (2) internal coordinators
- Internal coordinators attended AFG workshops

## □ Fall 2006:

- Established Standards review process and committees
- Developed surveys for constituents
- Scheduled Planning Team visits to other schools following AFG
- ***Complete Team/Committee population (today's mission!)***

## □ Winter 2006:

- Committees complete Standards review process; suggest remediation if necessary
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# AFG Timeline

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## □ January 2007:

- Planning Team determines the 2-3 performance objectives
- MSA approves 2-3 performance objectives
- Planning Team establishes Action Teams

## □ Spring/Summer/Fall 2007:

- Action Teams complete Action Plans
- Internal Coordinators compile documentation
- Validation Team Chairperson visits the school

## □ **November 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007:**

- The Middle States Validation Team visits
  - Preliminary recommendation for accreditation is announced on the final day of the visit
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# AFG Timeline

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## □ Winter 2008:

- Validation Team Chair sends a draft of team report to BGA
- Team Chair edits the report and sends to MSA

## □ Spring 2008:

- Middle States Commission reviews the team report & acts on accreditation (April)
  - Official notification is sent to BGA on or about May 1
  - Team report is disseminated and acted on if necessary
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# AFG Timeline

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- Spring 2009 & every year thereafter:
    - BGA conducts an annual review of the Action Plan
  - Spring 2010:
    - A mid-point visit is conducted by an MSA representative, usually someone from the original validation team
  - Fall 2013:
    - BGA conducts its re-accreditation self-study and prepares for the next accreditation cycle!
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# How Can I Help?

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# New Members

The following is a list of individuals who are willing to serve as team members.

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Robert Riedinger Jr., Devines Pharmacy (Community)

Myra Clifford, St. Vincent De

Paul Society, St. Anthony, Avenel (Community)

Sr. Susan, Emmaus House (Community)

Mr. Diehl, Edison Council President (Township) and  
(alumni parent)

Mr. Kevin Roche (current parent, and alumni parent)

Ms. Judy Kidas (Alumni)

Katie Roche (student)

Josh Mamaclay(student)

Lauren Bottitta (student)

Paul Sadowski (student)

Emanuel Vizzotti (student)

# Planning Committee Member

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## **Long Term commitment**

We need;

- 2 students
- 1 parent
- 1 alumni
- 1 community member

# Standards Committee Member

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- Commitment until November/December 2006
- Needed to review and analyze the results of the Surveys.

# Planning and Standards Committee current teams.

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- We need five members for the planning committee and the remaining members may sign up on standards committees, one per committee please.

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Thank you!!