

Kansas Administrative Regulations

State Department of Education

Article 31.—Accreditation

91-31-38. Accreditation rating.

(a) Each education system shall be classified as one of the following:

- (1) Accredited;
- (2) conditionally accredited; or
- (3) not accredited.

(b) Each unaccredited education system that seeks accreditation shall receive an accreditation rating of "conditionally accredited" until the education system's accreditation rating is determined using the criteria prescribed in K.A.R. 91-31-32.

(c) If an education system receives an accreditation rating of "conditionally accredited," the accreditation review council shall notify the education system of specific areas for improvement and any other corrective action that shall be addressed.

(1) To change the education system's accreditation rating to "accredited," the education system shall develop and implement a corrective action plan approved by the accreditation review council.

(2) Upon satisfaction of the requirements of the corrective action plan and any other required corrective actions, the education system's accreditation rating may be upgraded to "accredited."

(3) If the requirements of the corrective action plan and any other required corrective actions are not met by the deadline established by the accreditation review council, the education system's accreditation rating may be downgraded to "not accredited."

(d) If a public education system receives an accreditation rating of "not accredited," that education system shall be assigned a state technical assistance team to guide it in achieving an upgraded accreditation rating. The state technical assistance team shall be appointed by the commissioner and take the place of the outside visitation team. The state technical assistance team shall provide guidance to the education system in achieving appropriate corrective action. The state technical assistance team shall

remain assigned to the education system until it attains an accreditation rating of at least "conditionally accredited" through action of the state board.

(e) If a public education system retains the accreditation rating of "not accredited" after state technical assistance has been in place for one year, sanctions may be applied as determined by the state board under K.A.R. 91-31-40.

(f) An accreditation rating of "not accredited" for a private education system shall remain in effect until that education system demonstrates satisfactory achievement of all corrective actions required for an upgraded accreditation rating and until the state board grants the upgraded accreditation rating.

(Authorized by and implementing Article 6, Section 2(a) of the Kansas Constitution; effective July 1, 2005; amended Oct. 8, 2021.)

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