

### **Guidelines for the Accreditation of Job Corps' High School Programs**

To ensure that the high school programs Job Corps centers offer to students meet acceptable standards these programs must be accredited by appropriate organizations. These organizations are:

- The Department of Education in the state where the high school program is located; or
- The General Council of Education of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; or
- One of the following six regional accrediting bodies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education:
  1. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, which serves Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Information on secondary school accreditation can be found on the agency's Commission for Independent Schools (CIS) and Commission on Public Secondary Schools (CPSS) links at [www.neasc.org](http://www.neasc.org).
  2. The Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges, which serves the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Information on secondary school accreditation can be found on the association's Commission on Secondary Schools Web site at [www.css-msa.org](http://www.css-msa.org).
  3. The North Central Association, which serves Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Information on the association's accreditation protocol can be found at [www.ncacasi.org](http://www.ncacasi.org).
  4. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, which serves Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. Information on the association's public secondary school accreditation process can be found on the association's Web site at [www.sacs.org/pub/sec/index.htm](http://www.sacs.org/pub/sec/index.htm).
  5. The Northwest Association of Accredited Schools which serves Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, and Washington. Information on the association's accreditation process can be found on the Commission on Schools Web site at [www.boisestate.edu/naas](http://www.boisestate.edu/naas).
  6. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges, which serves California and Hawaii. Information on accreditation can be found on the association's Accrediting Commission for Schools Web site at [www.acswasc.org](http://www.acswasc.org); or
- If the high school is a private school, it must be accredited by a regional accrediting body listed above or the Distance Education Training Council

(DETC), [www.detc.org](http://www.detc.org), which is also recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

- If the high school is a charter school, it must be accredited according to the provisions of charter school legislation in the state where it is located, or at least one of the regional accreditation bodies listed above.