**Accreditation and Improvement**

**Candidacy**

**LAUNCH YOUR JOURNEY**

- Become a member of the Cognia Improvement Network and start your school or system’s journey to continuous school improvement. Cognia will guide you along the way.
- Delve into the Cognia Performance Standards and Accreditation Policies; complete the Candidacy Diagnostics to gain understanding of where your institution stands.
- A Cognia expert responds with a Candidacy Review and Candidacy Report, outlining your pre-accreditation needs and guiding you to efforts that will move you forward.

**Self-Assessment**

**SET UP FOR SUCCESS**

- Your institution’s leadership team prepares with orientation and training from Cognia to assure understanding of the standards and protocol.
- Using the guidance in the protocol and tools, your team collects and analyzes data to complete the Self-Assessment Diagnostics and demonstrate adherence to the standards.

**Progress**

**CHECK YOUR COURSE**

- Toward the middle of your accreditation term, complete the institution’s part of the Progress Report, describing your improvements in the areas outlined in your Engagement Review Report.
- Your Cognia team considers your progress toward the expectations from the Engagement Review Report and responds with feedback and support.
- Work with your Cognia team to determine if you need to take any additional steps to stay on track.
- Keep up the good work! Maintain your momentum for continuous improvement.

**Upload your Self-Assessment Diagnostics, Assurances, and Accreditation Portfolio to the Cognia Improvement Platform.**

**Engagement**

**DEMONSTRATE YOUR STRENGTHS**

- You’ll get an Engagement Review report that details Cognia’s findings, highlights your noteworthy practices, and identifies areas for improvement.
- If your institution successfully meets accreditation standards, assurances, and policies, your accreditation will be confirmed at the next quarterly meeting of the Cognia Global Commission.
- Coordinate with your Cognia evaluator to schedule and complete review activities.

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