



Building a Strong Foundation for Iowa Christian Schools

Christian Schools International has over **20 years of accreditation experience** serving new and established Christian schools.

Our Accreditation Process

Through the Christian Schools International (CSI) process, you can obtain **Candidacy with Provisional Accreditation** status for your new or established Christian school in Iowa. Join 170+ schools in more than 30 states who are currently served by the CSI Accreditation Team.

As a **state-approved independent accrediting organization**, schools granted provisional accreditation by CSI are recognized by the **Iowa State Board of Education** as accredited schools and **approved to receive education savings account (ESA) funds**.

The CSI Provisional Accreditation process includes **five modules** which have been specifically developed for Christian schools in the state of Iowa. The modules contain comprehensive checklists, resource packets, Zoom meetings with your assigned personal coach, and more than 150 editable templates. Typically, schools complete the module process and earn provisional accreditation within 3-6 months.



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Through our partnership with the Iowa Association of Christian Schools (IACS), **CSI provides the module process and a coach who will walk your Iowa Christian school through each step of the accreditation journey.**

CSI Accreditation Modules for Iowa Christian Schools

A FIRM FOUNDATION

1

- Establish the school's priorities
- Articulate key policies and procedures
- Incorporate as a 501c3
- Outline foundational documents

BUILDING UP

2

- Determine school location
- Create policies and procedures
- Design a healthy budget
- Attract employees

THE CORE

3

- Create a curriculum scope and sequence
- Prepare for student needs
- Establish professional learning for faculty and staff
- Assess infrastructure needs

ADDING DETAILS

4

- Promote the school
- Design and implement an admissions process
- Outline needed logistics
- Provide security and safety for faculty, staff, and students

FINISHING TOUCHES

5

- Create an environment conducive to learning
- Provide excellent orientation, training, and induction opportunities
- Establish school culture and traditions
- Prepare for a first day

Established schools work through a customized checklist of items based on their school's needs, supported by editable templates and a coach. The CSI models and process are highly adaptable for individual schools.



Learn more about our accreditation process for Iowa Christian schools