

Guidance for Applying to the State-Approved Accreditation Vendor List

Purpose

This guidance outlines the process for nationally recognized accreditation organizations to apply for inclusion on North Dakota's state-approved list, in accordance with [NDAC 67-19-01-44](#).

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered, an organization must:

- Be **nationally recognized**
- Maintain standards that address:
 - Student academic achievement (measurable outcomes)
 - Curriculum and instruction
 - Educator qualifications
 - Leadership and governance
 - Student support services
 - Continuous improvement
- Submit a complete application with all required documentation

Submission Instructions

- Submit the completed application and supporting documents via the [online form](#).
- DPI will confirm receipt within 5 business days.

Review Timeline

- DPI will review and respond to complete applications within **30 calendar days**.

Cost Responsibility

- Schools selecting a vendor from the approved list (other than the state-provided option) are responsible for all accreditation-related costs.

Approval and Maintenance

- Approved organizations will be listed on the DPI website.
- DPI may remove vendors not in compliance with criteria.
- DPI will periodically evaluate vendor effectiveness.