



Florida Association of
Academic Nonpublic Schools

Process and Timeline for Recognition as a FAANS “ACCREDITING MEMBER”

Accrediting Membership in FAANS is available to organizations or associations of nonpublic schools in Florida that comply with the following:

1. At any time after three (3) consecutive years as a FAANS “Non-Accrediting Member”, if the interested organization feels they comply with the FAANS Standards for “Accrediting Members” and they wish to proceed with the process for being recognized as a FAANS “Accrediting Member”, a representative of the interested Accrediting organization must submit a “Letter of Intent” electronically to inform the FAANS President, the FAANS Secretary and the Chair of the Membership and Standards Committee to of their intent to begin the three year process.
2. During or after the third year of attendance at FAANS meetings as a “Non-Accrediting Member”, the interested organization must attend **six (6)** additional consecutive meetings with the Membership and Standards Committee and **six (6)** regular FAANS Meetings during three consecutive years. If the organization is not represented at these six consecutive meetings, the three-year timeline will commence again at the next meeting attended by a representative of the organization
3. During or after the three (3) years as a Candidate for “Accrediting Member” status, the organization must do the following:
 - a. Seek sponsorship from three (3) FAANS Accrediting Member organizations. Each sponsoring organization must write an e-mail to the FAANS President with copies to the Secretary and to the Chair of the Membership and Standards Committee. These e-mails from sponsor organizations must be received at least two (2) weeks prior to the FAANS Spring meeting.
 - b. Have a successful on-site visit by a representative of another FAANS Accrediting Member organization during a regular accreditation visit of one of its accredited member schools.
 - c. Submission of a favorable Report to the Chair of the Membership & Standards Committee must be done at least three (3) weeks prior to the Spring meeting where a vote will a vote will be taken.
4. At the FAANS Spring Meeting, after the third consecutive year of attendance at meetings as a Candidate for “Accrediting Member” status, if the applying Non-Accrediting Member organization has complied with all FAANS Standards for Accrediting Members, the Membership and Standards Committee will make a recommendation as to whether or not to extend an Application for Membership to the interested organization. A majority of FAANS members present will then vote to extend a “Accrediting Member” application at that time, or to request more information before extending an application. The FAANS Executive Board reserves the right to deny Accreditation Membership to any applicant.
5. If members vote to approve the organization as an “Accrediting Member” and to extend the Membership Application, the interested organization must submit electronically the completed “**Application for Accrediting Membership.**” A copy of this application must be mailed, together with a **\$500.00** non-refundable application fee, before the next FAANS meeting in the fall. At that time, the organization will be recognized and introduced as a new FAANS “Accrediting Member.”