

Pathway 3: Accreditation

130.3.(a)(3) Nonpublic school that is accredited by an **accrediting body approved by the New York State Education Department** for purposes of demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this part. Such accrediting body shall use:

- a peer review process that includes evaluation by leaders of similar nonpublic schools, appropriately train all staff and peer reviewers who are involved in the accreditation process,
- accredit based on publicly accessible documented standards,
- perform a comprehensive onsite visit of any school seeking accreditation while such school is in session,
- and periodically conduct a combination of interim and full accreditation reviews of the nonpublic schools which it accredits during at least a ten year period.

Additionally, such accrediting body shall require nonpublic schools seeking accreditation to have curriculum that is informed by research, document individual student progress, and have mechanisms for monitoring, assessing, and providing feedback on student progress.

[Please refer to the Substantial Equivalency Implementation Guidance for more details.](#)

Only accreditors who are either *under review* or *approved* by the Department will be posted on the website. An accreditor may be reconsidered for purposes of Part 130.3(a)(3) in the future. To do so, a new, completed application demonstrating compliance with all criteria for approval will need to be submitted. If you have a question about a specific accreditor, please contact SESupport@nysed.gov.

Name of Accreditation Organization	Address	Organization Website Address	Recommendation Status	Date Posted
Adventist Accreditation Association (North American Division)	9705 Patuxent Woods Dr. Columbia MD 21042	https://www.adventistaccreditingassociation.org	Approved	12/8/2023
American Montessori Society	211 E. 43rd St., 7th Floor #262, New York, NY 10017	http://www.amshq.org	Approved	12/8/2023
Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)	PO Box 62249 Colorado Springs, CO 80920	http://www.acsi.org	Approved	4/4/2024
Association of Waldorf Schools of North America	1035 Coffman St, Suite 202, Longmont, CO 80501	http://www.waldorfeducation.org	Approved	4/4/2024
Cognia, Inc.	9115 Westside Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30009	https://www.cognia.org/	Approved	12/8/2023
Council of Islamic Schools in North America	35 County Road 518, Princeton, NJ 08540	https://cisnausa.org/	Approved	4/30/2024
Middle States Association	3819 Chestnut Street, Suite 310, Philadelphia PA, 19464	http://www.msa-cess.org	Approved	12/8/2023
National Accrediting Board of Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch (NABMLIC)	784 Eastern Parkway, suite 304 Brooklyn NY 11213	http://www.chinuchoffice.org	Approved	12/8/2023
National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA)	1333 South Kirkwood Road St. Louis, MO 63122	http://www.luthed.org	Approved	12/8/2023
New England Association of Schools and Colleges	1115 Westford Street, Lowell, MA 01851	http://www.neasc.org	Approved	12/8/2023
New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS)	17 Elk Street (First Floor)	http://www.nysais.org	Approved	12/8/2023