

TO: Indiana State Board of Education
FROM: Office of Accountability, Indiana Department of Education
RE: SY 2019-2020 School & Corporation Accreditation Statuses
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School Accreditation Status

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 20-31-4-3(a), the Indiana State Board of Education (Board) must assign each school an accreditation status. 511 IAC 6.1-1-11 outlines the criteria for four categories of accreditation that may be assigned to schools. The table below provides information on the accreditation status criteria.

Accreditation Status	Criteria
Full	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School receives an A, B, or C rating on Indiana’s accountability system AND School complies with all legal standards
Provisional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School receives a D rating on Indiana’s accountability system OR School receives an F rating on Indiana’s accountability system OR School receives up to 3 consecutive F ratings on Indiana’s accountability system
Provisional: Legal Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School not already identified as “provisional” AND School does not comply with all legal standards
Probationary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School receives four consecutive F ratings on Indiana’s accountability system

In addition to the accreditation types listed above, a school may either be state accredited, charter accredited, or freeway accredited. Charter accreditation is reserved only for charter schools. Freeway accreditation is a form of state accreditation extended to both public and nonpublic schools under Ind. Code § 20-26-15. Neither charter accredited nor freeway accredited schools are assigned an accreditation status.

The Department recommends the Board approve the accreditation statuses assigned to schools for the 2019-2020 school year based on the criteria outlined in 511 IAC 6.1-1-11.

	Statewide		Public		Nonpublic	
Full Status	1536	82.8%	1411	82.6%	125	86.2%
Provisional Status	181	9.8%	176	10.3%	5	3.4%
Provisional: Legal Standards Status	95	5.1%	80	4.7%	15	10.3%
Probationary Status	25	1.3%	25	1.5%	0	0.0%
N/A	17	0.9%	17	1.0%	0	0.0%

School Corporation Accreditation Status

Pursuant to Ind. Code § 20-31-4-4, a school corporation shall be awarded full accreditation status when all of the schools in the corporation achieve full accreditation status, or when all of the schools that do not achieve full accreditation status but the schools within the corporation are in “substantial compliance” with full accreditation standards.

In order to determine whether a corporation was in “substantial compliance” with full accreditation status, the Department looked at whether more than 50% of schools within the school corporation attained full accreditation status. If more than 50% of schools within the school corporation attained full accreditation status, then the corporation was awarded “full” accreditation status. If 50% or less of the schools within the school corporation attained full accreditation then the corporation was awarded “provisional” accreditation.

The Department recommends the Board approve the accreditation statuses assigned to school corporations for the 2019-2020 school year based on Ind. Code § 20-31-4-4.

	Number of Corporations	Percent of Corporations
Full Status	272	94.4%
Provisional Status	16	5.6%