



Accreditation: The Who, the What, the Why

What is Accreditation?

Accreditation means that the homeschool academy or program has opened up every area to outside inspection and review by an accrediting body. Essentially, it's an audit of policies, procedures, curriculum, and expectations ensuring quality, setting high standards, and promoting consistency to raise the impact and view of homeschooling.

Why Choose Accreditation?

When you decide to homeschool, selecting one that is accredited will be essential. The benefits of homeschool accreditation include:

- Knowledge that your program has been audited and evaluated for quality
- Less worry about record keeping, transcripts, and reporting
- Protects your homeschooling rights
- Freedom to move or transfer with ease by using an accredited transcript
- And more! Find out all of the benefits of accreditation [here](#).

Types of Accreditation:

When it comes to accredited homeschooling programs, understand not all programs are created equal. Here are the main types of Accreditation that you should consider when choosing a program.

1. Regional accrediting bodies are those officially recognized by many states and local governments. The Federal government (USDE) does NOT recognize any other accrediting bodies for grades K-12. These regional bodies are the only ones officially recognized by the USDE. While some states have their own accrediting bodies, most states belong to one of the main regional accrediting bodies. **Regional accreditation is often the most strict, has the highest standards, is uniform, and carries more weight with colleges and universities. They include:**

- [Middle States Association](#)
- [New England Association](#)
- [North Central Association](#)
- [Southern Association](#)
- [Western Association](#)

2. Many Christian groups, such as private schools and churches, do not pursue secular accreditation, rather opting to go with a private, Christian accrediting body. These groups typically carry less weight than the regional accrediting bodies and are recognized only by a handful of states. None are accepted or recognized by the USDE; however many colleges and universities will accept transcripts and diplomas from these accrediting bodies. These bodies are more concerned with the religious principles and curriculum presentation and are often grouped by denomination or religious affiliation.

3. Many states and private schools have come together to create their own accrediting bodies, again not recognized by the USDE, but still holding weight within those states. The requirements by these types of accrediting institutions often revolve around state standards and requirements, and can vary highly in their acceptance rates between states and by colleges and universities.



Bridgeway's Accreditation

Bridgeway Academy is proud to be accredited by AdvancEd, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, NCA CASI Regional Accreditation and the National Association of Private Schools. Learn more about our accreditation and why you should always choose accredited homeschooling programs at www.bridgewayacademy.com.

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