

Lake Orion High School Oral Exit Report

**Quality Assurance Review Team
School Accreditation**

A Picture of AdvancED



World's Largest Educational Community

- 23,000 public and private schools
- 30 states and Navajo Nation
- Department of Defense Education Activity
- 65 countries
- 15 million students
- 18,000 volunteers
- 3 million plus teachers

Pillars of Accreditation

To earn and maintain accreditation, schools must:

1. Meet the **AdvancED Quality Standards**
2. Engage in **Continuous Improvement**
3. Demonstrate **Quality Assurance** through Internal and External Review



Purpose & Role of the Quality Assurance Review Team

1. Determine the extent to which the School meets the AdvancED standards.
2. Assess the efficacy of the School's improvement efforts.
3. Evaluate the effectiveness of the School's methods for quality assurance.
4. Provide high-quality feedback with clear recommendations and actionable next steps.
5. Make an accreditation recommendation.

Activities of the Quality Assurance Review Team

- Artifacts/documents review
- Interviews
- School visits
- Observations
- Professional deliberations

Interviews with Stakeholders

- During the on-site Quality Assurance Review, team members interviewed:
 - 12 Administrators & Leadership Team
 - 28 Teachers
 - 9 Support Staff
 - 16 Parents and Community Members
 - 28 Students

TOTAL of stakeholders 93

Criteria Used to Arrive at the Team's Findings

- When reviewing evidence to arrive at its findings, the team:
 - Sought a school-wide perspective;
 - Pursued evidence that could be corroborated through multiple sources;
 - Examined the context and capacity of the school in relation to its vision, mission, and beliefs; and
 - Applied the criteria for accreditation.

7 Standards

Vision & Purpose

- Operational

Governance & Leadership

- Highly Functional

Teaching & Learning

- Operational

Documenting & Using Results

- Operational

Resource & Support Systems

- Highly Functional

Stakeholder Communications & Relationships

- Operational

Commitment to Continuous Improvement

- Operational



Summary of Team's Findings

Commendations

- Significant accomplishments in meeting and/or exceeding accreditation standards and requirements

Recommendations

- Actions that will enhance school effectiveness and improve student learning; recommendations must be addressed within two years of the visit

Commendations

The Quality Assurance Review Team commends Lake Orion High School for:

The culture and climate of the staff contributes to a safe and orderly environment that enables a personalized approach to learning where the success of all students is the focus.



Commendations

The Quality Assurance Review Team commends Lake Orion High School for:

- The assessment program and the development of common assessments provides data that is relevant and useful for monitoring student achievement.
 - The Guided Activities Program provide expanded opportunities of student growth in areas of their interest.
 - The shared leadership and involvement of staff in quality assurance and decision-making.
 - The leadership of the principal and the administrative staff and the development of teacher leadership fosters a learning community and provides opportunities for teachers and students to lead.



Commendations

The Quality Assurance Review Team commends Lake Orion High School for:

- The current use of time creates optimal learning opportunities for staff and students.
- Career focused education experience provide real world learning for all.
- The senior exit interviews and projects as well as community service requirement enriches the academic program
- Community involvement in senior exit interviews provides a unique form of citizen participation.

Recommendations

The Quality Assurance Review Team recommends that Lake Orion High School :

- Develop the Professional Learning Community process by expanding opportunities for staff to meet across curricular areas.
- Develop strategies that use data to establish the validity and reliability of common assessments, while constructing a protocol for evaluating assessments and item revision.
- Revise and develop a clear mission and vision that uniquely describes Lake Orion High School.
- Assess all aspects of innovation through a program evaluation process.

Next Steps

- Written report of findings submitted within 30 days
 - The report submitted to The Board of Education
- After receipt of the report, the school is expected to:
 - Review and communicate the findings.
 - **Communicated & discussed findings during our May Professional Learning Community**
 - Address the recommendations.
 - **We now have a task force that will be addressing these recommendations during the 09/10 school year**
 - Monitor accreditation standards on ongoing basis.
 - Monitor strategies for improvement.
 - **The staff has developed 3 extremely dedicated committees to implement and monitor school improvement standards as well as doubling our School Improvement Steering committee**
 - Submit the Accreditation Progress Report two years following this review.

Accreditation Recommendation

- The Quality Assurance Review Team recommends to the AdvancED Accreditation Commission that the Lake Orion High School be awarded <NCA CASI/SACS CASI> **Full Accreditation** as a quality school.
- Once reviewed and approved by the AdvancED Accreditation Commission, the school is granted a 5-year term accreditation.