

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

ACCREDITATION AGENCIES

Accreditation serves as a mark of quality assurance within international schools and is provided by several U.S. regional and global accreditation agencies. When searching for a new position to teach overseas, it may be helpful to search for schools that are either accredited or in the process of becoming accredited to provide candidates with some assurance regarding the quality of the educational program within the school.

SOME OF THESE INCLUDE:



The Council of International Schools (CIS) is a membership organization for international schools worldwide. Formed in 1949, CIS has over 1,300+ institutional members located in 120+ countries.

Cognia is the accreditation organization for DoDEA schools. Cognia serves more than 30,000 public and private schools and districts across the United States and in more than 70 countries.





The International Council Advancing Independent School Accreditation, formerly the NAIS Commission on Accreditation, was established in July 2018 to provide quality assurance and accountability for the accreditation programs of its independent school member associations.

Since 1887, Middle States Association (MSA) has performed regional accreditation of schools in the United States and international schools of American origin.





The National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA) was created in 1993 as a private organization dedicated to accrediting American private schools on a national level.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges is an independent, voluntary, nonprofit membership organization partnered with over 1500 public, independent, and international schools in the US, in more than 85 countries around the world.





The New York State Association is affiliated with the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and the New York State Coalition for Independent and Religious Schools..

The Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) is a regional accrediting association (since 1953) that represents 14 Southeastern states including the Caribbean and Latin America.





ACS WASC provides assistance to schools worldwide, especially in California, Hawaii, Guam, Asia, the Pacific Region, the Middle East, Africa, and Europe.

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REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Regional educational organizations serve as unifying entities that annually bring these international educators together to learn from one another and gain best practice. Regional organizations such as the ones below are a fabulous way to create a professional learning network (PLN) and find colleagues from different countries and regions with aligned interests and passions in the field of education..

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AAIE serves a network of 200+ American/International Schools worldwide as a communications and facilitating link building relationships with schools and their respective educators and administrators.

The Tri-Association is a non-profit organization, comprised of private, accredited, independent schools, offering an American-style education, and residing in three geographic regions.





American International Schools in the Americas (AMISA) was formed in 1961. AMISA member schools vary greatly in size, facilities, and composition of student bodies, but they are all private, college preparatory institutions offering a predominantly American curriculum taught in English.

The Association of International Educators and Leaders of Color (AIELOC) is devoted to amplifying the work of international educators and leaders of color with a focus on advocacy, learning, and research.





The Association of International Schools in Africa (AISA) is a professional association of international schools in Africa founded in 1969.

Academy for International School Heads is a nonprofit that provides resources, professional development opportunities, and focused advocacy for International School Heads.





The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) is a membership-based non-profit organization founded in 1943. It has more than 125,000 members from more than 128 countries, including superintendents, principals, teachers, professors of education, and other educators.

The Central & Eastern European Schools Association (CEESA) was founded as a result of the growth of American and International Schools in Central and Eastern Europe.





The East Asia Regional Council of Schools is an organization of 200 member schools in East Asia. Membership in EARCOS is open to schools in East Asia that offer an educational program using English as the primary language of instruction, and to a few other organizations as well.

The Educational Collaborative for International Schools is a non-profit global membership organization. ECIS membership represents 500 membership communities and 65,000+ educators and leaders in over 80 countries on six continents.





The Mediterranean Association of International Schools serves as a liaison between its 38 Member Schools, 30 Associate Member organizations as well as other regional, professional, and in-service organizations.

The Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools is a non-profit association of more than 100 private, independent American/ international schools serving students and their families in North Africa, the Middle East and South Asia.

