



NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION
OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES



Improving Schools. Empowering Students. Promoting Excellence.

NEASC — Who we are

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) is an independent, voluntary, nonprofit membership organization whose mission is to partner with schools to assess, support, and promote high quality education for all students through accreditation, professional assistance, and pursuit of best practices.

A globally recognized standard of excellence, NEASC Accreditation attests to a school's high quality and integrity. Founded in 1885, NEASC has been working to establish and maintain high standards for all levels of education longer than any other agency in the United States.

NEASC is made up of three Commissions which work in close partnership to ensure quality education for all students in public, independent, and international schools and centers around the world.

"At our school board workshop we had the opportunity to discuss our NEASC visit. The NEASC visiting team was wonderful and connected so well with many in our school community. Recommendations and commendations were insightful and have already helped to confirm our vision and plans going forward. Pursuing this process was definitely the right decision for our district; we look forward to receiving our report and continuing on this journey."

Geoff Bruno, Superintendent of Schools, Falmouth Public Schools

"Thank you all very much for developing a new sort of outlook upon accreditation and continuous growth and development for schools. As an educator I would honestly only want to work at a school that is accredited through NEASC. It is a stamp not of approval, but of recognition of a vibrant learning community that wants to grow and develop to truly help prepare us all for the future."

Shelley Love, Instructor, The Metropolitan School of Panama

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NEASC Commissions:

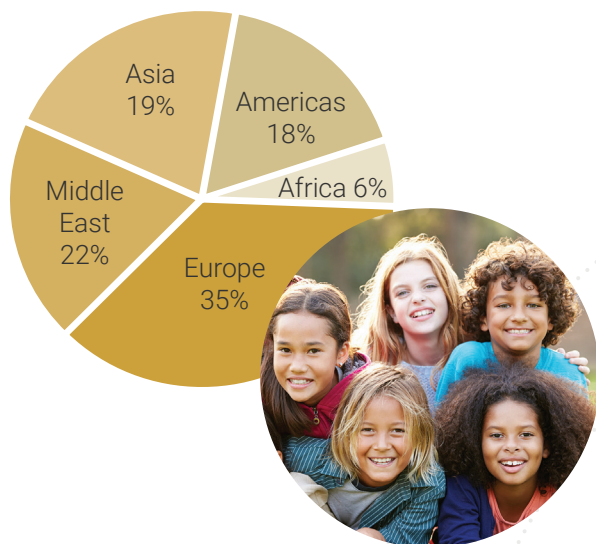
- Independent Schools (CIS)
- International Education (CIE)
- Public Schools (CPS)

Diversity of Membership

NEASC membership represents a broad array of diverse educational institutions unified in their commitment to continuous improvement. NEASC does not compare or rank schools, but rather establishes rigorous standards of quality for all accredited institutions while respecting their unique populations, missions, and cultures.

More than 1500 public, independent, and international schools in the United States and around the world are NEASC members, Candidates for Accreditation, or have achieved Eligibility for Accreditation.

International school membership:



"When you work with schools in different states, you realize that they are all responsible for meeting a wide range of different state standards in education. Quality education is quality education, and the NEASC Standards make that very clear for everyone."

Gail Kushner, Superintendent, Barrington School District, Barrington, NH

Recognition

NEASC and its Commissions are recognized as approved accreditation agencies by the National Association of Independent Schools and the United States Department of Education. "Recognition" demonstrates that NEASC has undergone external reviews and affirms that processes and outcomes are in place to support the best interests of students, educators, and the public.

Culture of Excellence

New England is the birthplace of public education in the United States. NEASC members share a historic commitment to ensuring that all children receive the highest quality education. In 1885 Charles William Eliot, President of Harvard University and founder of NEASC, aspired to create a professional organization that could assess and ensure the quality of institutions of higher education. Imbued with the culture of excellence and scholarship that President Eliot brought from Harvard, NEASC has never waived from his founding principles in over 130 years of quality assurance and institutional improvement work.

"The only true non-partisan, time-tested, peer reviewed plan for continuous improvement in public education is accreditation."

Bruce Pontbriand, School Committee Vice Chair, Randolph, MA

Global Collaboration

NEASC has partnerships and affiliations with several international government and quality assurance bodies. Among them are the National Association of Independent Schools, ECIS, the Council of International Schools, the International Baccalaureate Organization, and Dubai's KHDA. With support from the U.S. Department of State's Office of Overseas Schools, we have welcomed the opportunity to share our knowledge and experience with our colleagues around the world.

Benefits of Accreditation

Accreditation by NEASC assures students, parents, the public, government, community leaders, and other institutions that a school has the resources to provide a high quality learning experience. For the school, accreditation provides a powerful framework for meaningful, ongoing whole school improvement and growth.

