



WHAT IS WASC?

“WASC” (the Western Association of Schools and Colleges) is our regional accrediting organization. To retain our accreditation, WASC requires us to demonstrate that we are taking real steps to fulfill a distinct mission, are measuring the success of those steps, and are using the results of those measurements to improve what we do.

WHY IS ACCREDITATION IMPORTANT?

FAME is seeking renewal of accreditation because we want to offer the highest quality program to our students. Continuing accreditation assures our students, parents, and community that we have gone through a rigorous evaluation of our program and that we have a clear plan for improvement. Further, many colleges and universities will only accept students from accredited schools. We want FAME to be recognized as a contributor of well-prepared students to the higher education system.

WASC requires that high schools conduct a self-review to ensure that the education program is sound. WASC is also looking for evidence that the school is continually re-evaluating its programs in order to provide the highest quality learning experiences for all students. We must meet these requirements to receive continued WASC accreditation.

WHEN WILL WASC VISIT FAME?

March, 2012

WHO IS INVOLVED?

The WASC self-study requires the involvement of all FAME stakeholders. This includes parents, students, teachers, office staff, administrative staff, and our community instructors (educational contractors). The purpose of the self-study is to clarify our purpose, clearly state our academic goals and identify our best practices. It also involves focusing on areas where we need to make improvements and develop an action plan for doing so.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We need your input to make the self-study meaningful and productive. We will be asking for volunteers to participate in groups. We are requesting information via our on-line survey. And, we will solicit your opinion regarding whether you, as a stakeholder, agree with our findings. This is your school and the WASC process provides an opportunity for everyone provide input into what makes our school successful.