

International



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Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2025! Over the last several months, Kim and I have been prayerfully selecting team members and organizing team visits for the coming semester and beyond. What an honor it is for us to serve and support schools all over the world through the accreditation process. Each one of our schools has such a unique calling and ministry that is being faithfully carried out, even in the face of difficult circumstances.

We have four visits this year that will be virtual because of geopolitical conflict in the region where the school is located. While not all schools are dealing with this kind of issue, each school faces its own set of challenges and struggles. My prayer for you this new year is for peace. Yes, we pray for physical peace, but also for peace in your heart, in your mind, and in your families. John 14:27 says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 16:33 goes on to say, "But take heart; I have overcome the world." May the Prince of Peace grant you a peace that passes all understanding, a peace that can only come from above, a peace that will reign in your heart and in your schools as we begin 2025.

Conference

The International School Leader Conference (ISLC) - Europe 2025 is scheduled for April 27–30 in Mallorca, Spain. All international school leaders from around the globe are invited to attend! Pre-conference courses for both the ABI Conference and ISLC Europe will include *Inspire* Accreditation Training for schools. Schools with visits in the 2025–2026 or 2026–2027 school years should strongly consider sending someone to attend this training.

Documents

I would like to encourage you to visit our <u>NEW Accreditation</u> <u>Documents</u> page for all updated *Inspire* documents. The International supplement is being piloted this year and should be finalized in the fall. The supplement will examine the parts of the protocol and other key concepts and indicators that might warrant further explanation or contextualization for the international school setting.

Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate and welcome the following schools into the accreditation program as candidates for ACSI accreditation:

- CapHaitien Christian School
- BPK Penabur International
- Harbour International School

Updates

National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA)

We are excited to share that ACSI has recently been granted full recognition status from the National Council for Private Schools Association (NCPSA). Read more about this from the <u>press release</u>.

Please read below for more information from the office of Accreditation and Credentialing, including updated information on ways to fulfill the Christian Philosophy of Education requirement.

As a reminder, please email directly to Kim or me with ANY questions pertaining to accreditation. Contacting any other office at ACSI will just delay a response getting to you. International schools have some unique aspects to accreditation, and we are the best equipped to answer your questions.

Blessings to you all,

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ACADEMIC SERVICES NEWS

Joint Accreditation

ACSI accreditation continues to provide more schools with access to a

quality accreditation experience that aligns with scholarly research and biblical principles. ACSI continues to maintain strong relationships with multiple accrediting organizations, which provide schools the opportunity to be dually accredited with streamlined visits and self-studies. If you are currently accredited with another accrediting body and desire to add ACSI or are currently ACSI-accredited and desire to add an additional accreditation, ACSI is prepared to partner with your school.

To learn more about our joint partnerships, visit our <u>ACSI</u> accreditation website and contact your divisional accreditation director.

Streamlining Your ACSI Experience: The Importance of Updating Your School Roster

Maintaining an accurate school roster is a vital step that connects multiple ACSI platforms, empowering school leaders and teachers with greater efficiency and ease.

Why Your Roster Matters

- Certification Benefits: The ACSI Certification Platform links your school roster directly to certificate searches and enables your school to grant CEUs to teachers.
- Accreditation Support: For accredited schools, an

updated roster serves as a vital tool for simplifying tasks required throughout the accreditation journey.

Take Action Today

Make updating your school roster a regular part of your administrative routine. For step-by-step instructions, see <u>Roster Management</u> or contact the <u>ACSI Care Team</u> for personalized assistance.

CPoE In-Person Course Series – A New Option for Christian Philosophy of Education

This version of the CPoE course is designed to train groups, empowering your school to deliver engaging and dynamic in-person training sessions.

Each course features high-quality video, audio, and readings from leading voices in Christian education. This group training series requires an administrator or leader from your school to facilitate the in-person sessions. A Facilitator Guide equips the leader to conduct the training. Staff members will receive a range of digital participant resources, including a pre-assessment, post-assessment, syllabus, handouts, rubric, and a list of supplemental materials. Throughout each course, participants will create a personalized artifact that demonstrates their Christian philosophy of education, reflecting their unique teaching style.

Participants must complete all three courses to fulfill the CPoE requirement. Click here to

register: CPoE In-Person Course

Series.

Residential Addendum

Beginning with accreditation visits in the fall 2025 semester, schools who house students in a boarding or homestay program will be required to utilize ACSI's Residential protocol in conjunction with the Inspire protocol for their accreditation self-study and visit process. (Note, if your school hosts students in a homestay as part of an International Student Program, without a boarding facility, that portion will be covered by the International Student Program addendum—no need to use the Residential protocol.) The Residential protocol will be updated to provide clarity for residential staff as they work on the protocol and to acknowledge the fact that the residential accreditation process may be somewhat separate from the main accreditation process. This updated protocol will be published shortly after the ACSI Commission on Accreditation meeting that takes place in the last week of February 2025. Schools with a boarding program who will need to utilize this protocol are encouraged to attend an informational Zoom meeting led by Tim Shuman on March 5, 2025, at 12:00PM EST. You

can register for the informational session here: ACSI Residential Protocol Zoom Registration.



If you are interested in the Flourishing School Instrument developed by ACSI, you may be able to get it at a reduced price if your school qualifies. You may contact research@acsi.org for more information.



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