



International News

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We know these are busy days as a new school year begins, and we gratefully acknowledge the work you are doing to serve students and their families in schools around the world. Thank you!

As a reminder, annual reports are due September 30 for schools following a western calendar. (Annual reports will be due February 28 for those schools following a calendar year school year.)

Please use current demographic data and provide the most up-to-date progress on major recommendations when completing the report.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to highlight the top four indicators found in major recommendations in visiting team reports from the past year. These may be areas to concentrate on in your own school improvement efforts.

1. **Indicator 4.7** – Professional development for K-12 faculty, guidance personnel, informational resources staff, and other appropriate staff is ongoing and integral to the school and aligned with specific goals and instructional programs, and it includes training in biblical studies and the Christian philosophy of education.
2. **Indicator 5.2** – The curriculum guides/maps drive the instructional program. The guides/maps are current and include the following components: 1) schoolwide expected student outcomes, 2) course goals and objectives, 3) biblical integration concepts, 4) school-selected standards, 5) resources, 6) time allotted for each unit, 7) instructional methods, and 8) assessments. A document, often called a Scope and Sequence, is available to guide the overall curriculum plan through electronic means (curriculum mapping software) or a traditional written format. The guides/maps are accessible to all faculty and inform instruction that clearly values the development of the whole child—spiritually, intellectually, physically, emotionally, and socially.
3. **Indicator 5.5** – Instructional strategies and equitable learning activities focus on active student engagement, the achievement of essential knowledge and skills, biblical wisdom and understanding, and higher-order thinking skills.
4. **Indicator 7.5** – All aspects of the school and its instructional program reflect developmentally appropriate application of a biblical worldview and Christlike character and values.

Blessings to you for a great school year!

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Academic Services News

CEU Provider Process – Why Can't I Upload CEUs to My New Teacher's VPP?

If you manage your school's CEU Provider account, you may have noticed an occasional error message that a *practitioner ID cannot be found* when uploading CEUs. The teacher has been added to your school roster, so what is the problem? There is a simple answer with a quick and easy solution. The teacher has not yet logged into their Virtual Professional Portfolio (VPP); therefore, the VPP is not active, or recognized. It is important for all new staff to be given instructions for [activating their VPP](#) as soon as they have been added to the school's roster. This will eliminate frustrating and unnecessary delays in getting your teacher's CEUs into their VPP. As always, if you have any questions regarding your school's CEU Provider account contact the [ACSI CEU Coordinator](#) for a prompt response.

Contacting the ACSI Certification Department

Due to the volume of certification applications we receive, our Certification Department must spend the majority of their time evaluating applications; however, we do dedicate a portion of each day to answering questions. Generally, we respond to questions within the same business day, or early the next. The following are three ways to contact the Certification Department:

1. [Our Online Form](#) - this form asks for specific information in order to help us locate your record and send an answer in a timely manner. ***This is one of the quickest ways to get a response.***
2. [E-mail](#) - please include your first and last name, certification number - if available, current or most recent school, and a detailed question in order to help us send an appropriate answer in a timely manner. ***This is also a quick way to get a response.***
3. Phone: 888.839.8101 - this number will give you the option of being directed to the Certification Department or the CEU Coordinator. The Certification Department option will lead you to a voicemail message - please include your first and last name, certification number - if available, current or most recent school, and a detailed question in order to help us appropriately respond in a timely manner.

Contacting the CEU Coordinator:

If you have questions about uploading courses for approval, uploading CEUs for teachers who have completed an approved course, or other questions about providing CEUs, the CEU Coordinator can be reached in one of three ways:

1. [Our Online Form](#) - this form is for CEU providers with specific questions about uploading courses for approval, granting CEUs to teachers who have completed an approved course, or other general CEU questions.
2. [E-mail](#) - please provide your name, school name, and a detailed question.
3. Phone: 888.839.8101 - this number will give you the option of being directed to the Certification Department or the CEU Coordinator.

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