Council of Islamic Schools in North America

Leader in Islamic School Accreditation since 2012

Trusted Partner with Cognia and Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA)
Partnership with Cognia & MSA

CISNA as the Lead Accreditor

One Set of Standards
One Protocol
One Visit
One Agency to Coordinate With

DUAL Accreditation!
Schools Have Options

School Selects Cognia or MSA as the Lead Accreditor
- School Follows Cognia/MSA Protocols
- School Also Follows CISNA Protocols & Hosts an on-site Visit

School Selects CISNA as the Lead Accreditor
- School Follows CISNA Protocols
- School Hosts an on-site Visit with the CISNA Team
Accreditation Steps for Dual Accreditation

- School must be a CISNA member
- School selects CISNA as the lead accreditor by informing CISNA in writing
- School applies for Cognia or MSA membership
  - School gains access to Cognia/MSA Tools, Resources and Workspace
• Initial General Membership $200
• One-time Accreditation Application Fee $250
• Fees Collected Only During Review Year $800
• Annual Fees for Accredited Schools Based on Enrollment
  • Up to 200 students - $300
  • 201 to 399 students - $500
  • Over 400 students - $700
Uploading Evidence

1. Upload Evidence/Documents to a Shared Google Folder
2. Insert Hyperlinks to evidence within the Self-Study Document
3. Surveys may be conducted by schools using their own instrument
4. Survey results must be summarized and uploaded to evidence folder
After CISNA Review

CISNA Board Approves School Visit Report

CISNA submits approved report to Cognia/MSA

Cognia/MSA approve and list the school as an accredited school on their website

School submits annual fees and updates to Cognia/MSA and CISNA to maintain accreditation

School completes the accreditation process every 5 years with CISNA
Interested schools will be sent an information package upon submitting an accreditation application.

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