Beacon Education Institute

Accrediting Excellence, Supporting Growth

BEI Accreditation Standards

Beacon Education Institute (BEI) Accreditation process requires applicants to complete a self-study that aligns with our 22 operational standards. Below is a list of the

Core Educational Standards:

- Small Student Population: Describe how your school fosters close relationships and a supportive community. Provide examples of low student-to-teacher ratios or advisory programs.

- Student-Centered Learning: Explain how you meet students where they are, such as through individualized learning plans or multi-age classrooms.

- Curriculum Design: Detail how your curriculum supports diverse learning styles and real-world skill development

- Instructional Methods: Show how your teaching methods encourage creativity and critical thinking, such as through experiential learning or interdisciplinary projects.

- Measuring Outcomes: Explain your competency-based assessments and provide examples of student growth portfolios or performance-based evaluations.

- Whole-Child Development: Demonstrate how your school nurtures academic, emotional, and social growth, with examples like community service projects.

- Curriculum Transparency: Outline your curriculum philosophy and approaches, such as published course guides or parent information sessions.

Professional Standards:

- Educator-Led Leadership: Describe how your leadership model empowers teachers and learners, such as through teacher committees or shared governance.

- Educator Professional Development: Explain your approach to ongoing training, including examples like mentorship programs or professional learning communities.

- School Improvement - Does the school engage in an improvement process by implementing a continuous improvement plan?

- Scheduling: Explain how your scheduling model maximizes learning opportunities, such as through block schedules or flexible learning times. In-person? Hybrid? Online?

- Technology Integration: Detail how digital tools enhance personalized learning, with examples such as online learning platforms or coding programs.

Operational Standards:

- Policies & Procedures Manuals - Does the school have established guidelines that clearly communicate to all relevant stakeholder groups through defined policies and procedures? Are there Parent/Student Handbooks as well as Faculty (if applicable) Handbooks that convey those guidelines?

- Health and Safety Protocols: Provide examples of your health and safety measures, such as emergency drills or wellness policies.

- Financial Sustainability: Provide examples of your health and safety measures, such as emergency drills or wellness policies.

- School Calendar - Has the school developed a school calendar that meets or exceeds the school's state's or Beacon's attendance requirements of 180 days with 5 of those days for Faculty Development.

Community and Family Engagement Standards:

- Community-Focused Practices: Share how you build community partnerships, such as with local businesses or service organizations.

- Family Engagement and Communication: Describe how you maintain strong partnerships with families, providing examples like regular conferences, newsletters, or parent advisory boards.

Facilities Standards:

- Facilities Design and Maintenance: Describe how your facilities support a safe and effective learning environment. Provide examples such as designated learning spaces, outdoor areas, and accessibility features.

- Safety and Accessibility: Explain how your facilities meet safety and accessibility standards, including compliance with ADA regulations and emergency exits.

- Resource Areas: Highlight dedicated spaces for student services such as libraries, science labs, and art studios.

- Outdoor and Recreational Spaces: Describe available outdoor spaces that promote physical activity and experiential learning.

Use this guide to structure your self-study application, ensuring each standard is thoroughly addressed with clear evidence(s) that reflects your school's mission and strengths. Include your evidence using links within the narrative.