

The Academy of Our Lady of Peace

is accredited by the Middle States
Association of Colleges and Schools.

Our accreditation was achieved by

- Defining appropriate educational goals and providing educational programs to achieve them;
- Maintaining a qualified faculty and an effective school organization;
- Assessing outcomes of school experiences and controlling the quality of educational programs;
- Responding to concerns of parents and needs of the school community;
- Providing for the continuity of its programs and planning for their future;
- Describing with accuracy the content of its services and programs.

We are characterized as ...

- *Devoted to our mission.* We care enough about what we do to seek validation by a recognized accreditation authority.
- *We know our self.* Our school operates from an examined vision of service to students, family and community.
- *We keep our promises.* An accredited school promises only what it can deliver.
- *We accept objective evaluation.* Outside evaluators who have no prior involvement with the school or its sponsoring authority provide periodic evaluation.
- *We are recognized.* Schools accredited by the Commission are listed as accredited schools in a registry available throughout the world.
- *We are self-correcting.* Accredited schools demonstrate a capacity to control their own quality.

- *We are student-oriented.* Our philosophy of education expresses what it does for the whole student.
- *We plan for its future.* As an accredited school, we are continuously developing plans that include strategies for anticipated events and goals toward even higher levels of quality.
- *We examine outcomes.* We continuously obtain and analyze objective evidence on student achievement and growth.
- *We participate in the responsibilities of the academic profession.* We participate in the self-renewing activity of evaluation and accreditation.



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