

External Review Exit Report

Okaloosa County School District
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Accreditation

- An international protocol for institutions committed to systemic, systematic and sustainable improvement
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External Review

A diagnostic process to stimulate and guide continuous improvement with a focus on:

- Impact of teaching and learning
- Capacity of leadership
- Use of resources

External Review

Professional judgment by the External Review Team results in:

- Powerful Practices
- Opportunities for Improvement
- Improvement Priorities
- Index of Education Quality
- Accreditation Recommendation

Stakeholders

Stakeholder Interviewed	Number
Board Members	4
Superintendent	1
Administrators	74
Instructional Staff	43
Support Staff	13
Parents/Business Partners	37
Students	39
Total	211

Domain

Teaching and Learning Impact

The External Review Team examined:

- Student performance results
- instructional quality
- Learner and family engagement
- Support services for student learning
- Curriculum quality and efficacy
- College and career readiness data

Powerful Practice

- Okaloosa County School District's commitment to focused professional learning has created a collaborative culture that supports improved instruction and inspires student learning at all levels. (Primary Indicator 3.11; Related Indicator 3.5)

Improvement Priority

- Formalize and fully implement a process with a more vertical emphasis to ensure that all students, including subgroup populations, have equitable and challenging learning experiences that prepare them for success at the next level. (Primary Indicator 3.1; Related Indicator SP4)

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	Learning Environments (86 classrooms)	External Review	AEN
1	Equitable Learning Environment	2.78	2.69
2	High Expectations Environment	2.90	2.80
3	Supportive Learning Environment	3.29	3.05
4	Active Learning Environment	3.09	2.93
5	Progress Monitoring and Feedback Environment	2.81	2.76
6	Well-Managed Learning Environment	3.31	3.12
7	Digital Learning Environment	1.52	1.86

Domain

Leadership Capacity

The External Review Team examined:

- Institutional purpose and direction
- Governance and leadership effectiveness
- Stakeholder engagement
- Improvement capacity
- Results

Powerful Practice

- The Okaloosa County School District has developed and implemented a continuous and systemic comprehensive process that monitors and supports student success. (Primary indicator 1.2; Related indicators 3.2, 3.4, 5.4)

Domain

Resource Utilization

The External Review Team examined:

- Allocation and use of resources
- Equity of resource distribution to need
- Level and sustainability of resources
- Long range capital and resource planning effectiveness

Conclusions

Index of Education Quality™ (IEQ™)

- Impact of teaching and learning on student performance
- Capacity of leadership to guide and ensure effectiveness in carrying out strategic direction of institution
- Utilization of resources to meet diverse needs of students and institution
- Use as a tool for formative analysis and continuous improvement
- Connection for the conditions, processes, and practices to evidence including student performance

IEQ Results

	External Review IEQ Score	AE Network Average
Overall Score	308.36	278.03
Teaching and Learning Impact	309.52	267.91
Leadership Capacity	310.71	292.76
Resource Utilization	301.79	284.48

IEQ Results

The IEQ results indicate that the institution is performing within acceptable ranges as compared to expected criteria as well as other institutions in the AdvancED network.

Recommendation

The External Review Team recommends to the AdvancED Accreditation Commission that the Okaloosa County School District earn the distinction of accreditation by AdvancED.

Continuous Improvement

- Improvement Priorities must be addressed within two years
- Beginning of a journey of improvement
- Deliberate and strategic actions to ensure that every child, *every day is being prepared and achieving success for their future*

Final Thoughts

The External Review Team:

- Appreciates ***your hospitality, support and professionalism. We offer a special thanks to Denise McLaughlin and her team, for coordinating the logistics for this review.***
- Respects and acknowledges the ***efforts to improve the quality of your institution.***
- Congratulates your system and community on ***completing the requirements for AdvancED System Accreditation.***

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