

High School Events

WASC Results and Pathway Gold Certification





WASC Process Overview

- Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC)
- Accrediting body for the western states that ensures our schools are providing quality educational experiences to our students.
- Without accreditation, credits earned would not count for other institutions, including colleges and universities.
- 6-Year Cycle that all High Schools go through, public, private, and charter



What does ACCREDITATION mean?

Self-Renewal and Reflection

Self-Evaluation of Programs:
Effective Structures and
Habits/ Impact on Students

Student-Focused

Schoolwide Collaborative Work





ACS WASC Accreditation Cycle



Years 1-3

Profile update,
progress report,
refinement of
schoolwide action
plan; Year 3 Potential
one-or two-day
review.



ACS WASC Accreditation Cycle



Year 4

Profile update,
progress report,
refinement of
schoolwide action plan



ACS WASC Accreditation Cycle

Year 5

Review all profile data, progress report, self-study process, and refinement of schoolwide action plan





ACS WASC Accreditation Cycle

Year 6

Completion of self-study including refinement of schoolwide action plan; full self-study visit, including further revision of schoolwide action plan after review of the Visiting Committee report





WASC Process Results and Common Comments

- All 6 large high schools completed the WASC cycle and had a WASC visit this year
- Browning and Beach also had WASC visits this year, but are in different stages of the cycle.
- All schools received positive reviews from the visiting teams.
- Some variation in the successes and areas for growth between sites, with common themes across the system
- Actual accreditation terms will be handed out in June



WASC Common Areas to Celebrate

- Alignment between the site work and the district work.
- Implementation of Industry Pathways.
- Consistent implementation of research based professional development.
- Growth in helping students be ready for college and career.
- Dedicated and caring staffs.
- Supports for students inside and outside of classrooms.
- Strong school spirit and climate. Students and staff love the sites.



WASC Common Areas for Growth

- Continue to work on closing the achievement gaps that exist.
- Consistent communication with all school community members.
- Increasing parent involvement.
- Effectively using data to continually drive the decision making process.
- Continue supporting growth in college and career readiness.



Pathway Gold Certification Process Overview

**A standard of excellence for
college and career preparation**

Linked Learning is a proven approach to preparing all students for college and career success. Certification is the mark of quality in Linked Learning implementation.



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LINKED LEARNING®
CERTIFICATION

Certification is audited and awarded by the
Linked Learning Alliance—a nonprofit focused
on Linked Learning quality.



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Linked Learning Certification

- ✓ Pathways are preparing students for college and career success
- ✓ Systems are in place to support quality and expand the approach to all students
- ✓ Provides independent affirmation of commitment to a high-quality pathway experience

Pathway Gold Certification Process Overview

Linked Learning Certification demonstrates



Integrated academics
and career-themed
coursework



Work-based
learning



Effective student
supports

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Linked Learning Certification



Candidate
*the core
elements are
in place*



Silver
*using data to
strengthen
pathways*



Gold
*evidence of
positive
impact for
students*

Pathway Gold Certification Winners Cabrillo

Cabrillo High
School

*Academy of
Law and
Justice*





Pathway Gold Certification Winners McBride

Engineering



Criminal Justice

