



Westmoreland County Public Schools

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Westmoreland Country Public Schools Awarded District Accreditation

Dr. A. Elaine Fogliani, Superintendent, announced today that Westmoreland County Public Schools was granted District Accreditation from the AdvancED Accreditation Commission, the national commission that confers the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI) accreditation seal. This means that the division and all of its schools are accredited, and that Westmoreland County Public Schools is recognized across the nation as a quality school system.

The accreditation process involves three ongoing components: 1) meeting high quality standards; 2) implementing a continuous process of improvement; and 3) engaging in quality assurance through internal and external review. The district's accreditation is for a five year term with regular monitoring of progress and reporting occurring during the term.

“District Accreditation as conferred by the AdvancED Accreditation Commission provides Westmoreland County Public Schools a nationally-recognized mark of quality for our division and all the schools within our division,” shared Dr. A. Elaine Fogliani. “It demonstrates to our community our commitment to excellence, our openness to external review and feedback, and our desire to be the best we can be on behalf of the students we serve.”

Dr. Mark Elgart, President/CEO of AdvancED, stated, “District Accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire school system on the primary goal of creating lifelong learners. Westmoreland County Public Schools is to be commended for engaging in this process and demonstrating a commitment to continuous improvement.”

Parents and interested community members can learn more about the District Accreditation Process at www.advanc-ed.org.

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AdvancED is the parent organization for the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI), and the National Study of School Evaluation (NSSE). NCA CASI and SACS CASI are accreditation divisions of AdvancED. Dedicated to advancing excellence in education worldwide, AdvancED provides accreditation, research, and professional services to 23,000 public and private schools and 4,500 school districts in 30 states and 65 countries.

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“All, meaning ALL, students will achieve academic standards, demonstrate standards of the heart and make choices that result in a safe and healthy life.”