# Maryland Accreditation Timeline

## Accrediting Process
### Year One

- Participate in orientation.
- Within 12 months of finishing orientation, register online and click "begin" in your binder.
- Form Self-Appraisal Team.
- Complete Initial Self-Appraisals and submit comments and required documentation in each indicator.
- Continue program improvements by completing a Program Improvement Plan.
- Request or decline Technical Assistance session.

## Accrediting Process
### Year Two

- Complete Final Self-Appraisal and submit comments and required documentation in each indicator.
- At least 90 days before your accreditation or cycle expires, request a Validation Visit.
- At least 30 days before expiration, host the Validation Visit.
- Within 3 days of binder re-opening, upload comments, required evidence and pictures in response to validator's ratings.
- Receive Accreditation Decision from MSDE. The date of receipt becomes your anniversary date.

## Accreditation 5-Year Status
### Annual Update and Re-Accreditation

### Years One-Three
**Annual Update**

Submit an Annual Update up to 60 days before the due date.

### Years Four-Five
**Begin Re-Accreditation**

24 months before your expiration date, start the accreditation process again, beginning with the Maryland Accreditation Orientation.