

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.
- ✓ Apply for Maryland Accreditation Support Funds.
- ✓ 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.