### Maryland Accreditation Process

#### Year One

- Participate in orientation
- Within 12 months of finishing orientation, register online and select "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

#### 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
- Keep improving
- 18 months before new expiration, participate in orientation

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**Note:** Year One and Year Two are separated by different tasks and timelines, ensuring continuous improvement and accreditation readiness.