

WAC 180-55-005 Purpose and authority. (1) **Purpose.** The provision of school accreditation procedures for approved private schools by the state board of education is designed to serve the following purposes:

(a) Support the state board's long-term vision of a performance-based education system by aligning school accreditation requirements to continuous improvement of student learning, achievement, and growth;

(b) Promote educational excellence and equity for every student through enhancement of the quality and effectiveness of the school's educational program in safe and supportive learning environments;

(c) Promote staff growth and commitment to the learning of every student;

(d) Build stronger links with families, parents, and the community by reaching consensus about educational expectations through family, parent, and community involvement;

(e) Provide a statement of accountability to the public; and

(f) Validate effective practices and positive impacts on student learning in private schools through an external appraisal process.

(2) **Authority.** The authority for this chapter is RCW 28A.305.130(5).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130(6), 28A.150.220(4), and 28A.305.140. WSR 06-23-012, § 180-55-005, filed 11/2/06, effective 12/3/06; WSR 05-08-015, § 180-55-005, filed 3/28/05, effective 4/28/05; WSR 04-04-093, § 180-55-005, filed 2/3/04, effective 3/5/04; WSR 02-18-056, § 180-55-005, filed 8/28/02, effective 9/28/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.305.130(6). WSR 91-04-015, § 180-55-005, filed 1/28/91, effective 2/28/91. Statutory Authority: 1990 c 33. WSR 90-17-009, § 180-55-005, filed 8/6/90, effective 9/6/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 28A.04.120(4). WSR 81-08-027 (Order 2-85), § 180-55-005, filed 3/26/81.]