



COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL  
STANDARDS & ACCOUNTABILITY

## Institutional Membership Application

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*The Council on Educational Standards and Accountability exists to motivate, support and hold accountable Christian schools that aspire to superlative academic standards, institutional best practices and collaboration with like-minded schools.*

The Council on Educational Standards and Accountability is a voluntary organization serving schools from the United States and around the world. CESA welcomes as full members of Council elementary and secondary Christian schools that are fully accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting body and who have met the CESA Standards of Accountability. While CESA enjoys a dual-accreditation agreement with AdvancED, we **strongly** recommend that schools pursuing CESA membership maintain accreditation with another accrediting body.

Schools wishing to become members of CESA should first review the standards on our website ([www.cesaschools.org](http://www.cesaschools.org)). If standards achievement appears to be attainable for your school in a number of years, we welcome your application to CESA. Below is a description of the candidate status and then an application follows.

### Steps to Membership

- All interested schools must complete the CESA Application for Membership. Once the application is completed, the Executive Director or Director of Institutional Review will schedule a call with the school.
- Once the Executive Director and Institutional Review Director approve the application, the school will become a Provisional School in candidate status.
- Once the school's application has been approved, the school will be invoiced \$2,000 for the Application Fee and will pay 50% dues annually as if they were a full CESA-member school. Annual members are billed on July 1st for the upcoming year. If a school applies during the school year, their dues for that year will be prorated.
- Provisional status will give the school full rights and privileges of a CESA member school. The school and its faculty may attend CESA-only events and receive the latest research and publications as a CESA member.
- A Provisional School is one that has committed to completing an on-site Institutional Review, and subsequently submitting a Standards Achievement Plan (SAP) for review by the Board of Directors within the next two years.
- All Institutional Review components and approval by the Board of Directors are required in full before being considered a Member of Council. Provisional Schools may not promote themselves as being a "CESA School," "Member of Council", or any other official or unofficial CESA designation, including the display of the CESA logo or links on the schools' website.

# CESA Candidate Application

## 1. Institution Information

Institution Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Date of Founding (month/year):

Institution Website:

Head of School:

Head of School's E-mail:

## 2. School Profile

Check one:

International

Domestic

Check one:

Coed

Boys only

Girls only

Check one:

Boarding

Day School

Grade Levels Served:

Current Year Enrollment:

Preschool: Boys:  Girls:

Grades K-5: Boys:  Girls:

Grades 6-8: Boys:  Girls:

Grades 9-12: Boys:  Girls:

Total Enrollment:

Annual Operating Budget:

### 3. Accreditation Information

Name of Accrediting Body/Organization:

Date of Current Accreditation:

Date Current Accreditation Expires:

Date of Most Recent Evaluation Visit:

Do you plan to pursue AdvancED dual accreditation?

Yes

No

### 4. Denomination Affiliation

What is your school's denomination affiliation?

### 5. School Personnel

Assistant to the Head:

E-mail:

Business Manager:

E-mail:

Director of Admissions:

E-mail:

Director of Development/Advancement:

E-mail:

Director of Communications/Marketing:

E-mail:

Lower School Head:

E-mail:

Middle School Head:

E-mail:

Upper School Head:

E-mail:

Academic Dean/Director of Curriculum:

E-mail:

Head of College Guidance:

E-mail:

Board Chair:

E-mail:

Other:

E-mail:

Other

E-mail:

Other

E-mail:

## 6. Statement of Faith

*We, as an institution, adhere to the tenets of the Nicene Creed and affirm that all faculty, staff, administration, and board members affirm the beliefs therein.*

Does your school support the CESA statement of faith?

Yes

No

Please sign or type in the following signatures:

Head of School:

Date:

Board Chair:

Date:

Schools interested in becoming a Candidate School should send the following documents to Dr. Katie Wiens at [kwiens@cesaschools.org](mailto:kwiens@cesaschools.org). Each application will be fully reviewed to determine the institution's eligibility for candidate status.

- Accreditation certificate from nationally recognized accrediting body
- This completed application

### **Annual Membership Fees**

Provisional schools will pay 50% dues. Once a school becomes a full Member of Council, they shall pay full membership fees. The CESA member fee structure is based on an institution's annual operating budget. Members of Council and provisional schools pay membership fees annually. Members are billed on July 1 for the upcoming year. The fee structure is as follows:

- Less than \$1.5 million: \$2,060
- From \$1.5 – 3 million: \$3,460
- From \$3 – 4 million: \$4,275
- From \$4 – 5 million: \$4,866
- From \$5 – 6 million: \$5,356
- From \$6 – 7 million: \$6,221
- Over \$7 million: \$6,437