

2015–16 ACCREDITATION TIMELINE

CONTINUOUS

- **SCHOOL LIST INFORMATION**
Provide the name and email address of any newly hired principal to Karen Byrum at kbyrum@ed.sc.gov.
- **REVIEW THE SC CODE OF LAWS, STATE BOARD (SBE) OF EDUCATION REGULATIONS, AND ACCREDITATION STANDARDS**
All schools and districts are required to meet all applicable regulations, statutes and standards.
- **DISTRICT AND SCHOOL DATA REVIEW**
Verify that district and school data submissions are accurate in PCS and PowerSchool.

FALL 2015

- **SEPTEMBER 15**
Accreditation memorandum is sent to all superintendents, principals, Career and Technology Education (CATE) directors, and district accreditation contacts.
- **MONITORING OF DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS**
District superintendents and school principals are selected and notified for monitoring.
- **OCTOBER 15**
Online Accreditation Compliance Form responses are due.
- **OCTOBER 30**
All requested documentation for Monitoring is due.

WINTER 2016

- **PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS REPORTS**
Superintendents, school principals, CATE directors, and district accreditation contacts receive the Preliminary Analysis Report.
- **FEBRUARY 15**
Preliminary Report responses must be uploaded into the online Accreditation Compliance Form application.

SPRING 2016

- **REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS REPORT AND MONITORING**
Unresolved Accreditation and Monitoring issues are worked on and resolved. **Resolutions must be made by 30 days prior to publishing the Annual Report.**
- **FINAL ACCREDITATION STATUS**
Each district and school receives a FINAL accreditation status. Amended notices are sent out as necessary.
- **SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM LETTERS**
All districts will receive letters asking them to identify summer school program sites.

SUMMER 2016

- **SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM LETTERS**
All identified summer school program sites will receive an Accreditation form to complete and return to SCDE.
- **ANNUAL ACCREDITATION REPORT PRESENTED TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**
The SCDE presents the annual report, “Accreditation of School & Districts in South Carolina,” to the SBE for approval.
- **JULY 31**
Summer School Program Accreditation forms are to be returned to Karen Byrum at kbyrum@ed.sc.gov on or before **July 31**.