



Maryland Accreditation Process Checklist

Accrediting Process, Year One

- Complete the [Maryland Accreditation Orientation](#).
- Within 12 months of finishing orientation, [register online and click "begin" in your binder](#).
- Form Self-Appraisal Team and complete Initial Self-Appraisals. [Submit comments and required documentation](#) in each indicator
- Apply for [Maryland Accreditation Support Funds](#).
- Begin program improvements by completing a [Program Improvement Plan](#).
- Request [Technical Assistance](#).

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, participate in 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.

While Accredited

- Years 1-3: Submit an Annual Update up to 60 days before it is due. (Note: You will not submit an Annual Update in the fourth year of being accredited.)
- 24 months before expiration, begin the re-accreditation process by [completing the orientation](#).