

# Checklist for Evaluating Non-Affiliated Organizations/Institutions for Accreditation

Please check the websites provided or contact the respective organization/institution for the following information.

Name of organization/institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization/institution contact information: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. ( ) What type of organization/institution is it?
  - a. ( ) Online
  - b. ( ) Charter
  - c. ( ) Private (Must be registered with the CDE. Can be found in the private school directory. <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/si/ps/>).
  - d. ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. ( ) Is the organization/institution accredited? YES ) NO )
  - a. If YES, who is the organization/institution accredited by?

The regionally accrediting associations in the United States are:

    - i. ( ) **Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA):**  
<https://www.msa-cess.org/default.aspx?RelID=606553>
    - ii. ( ) **New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NECHE):**  
<https://www.neasc.org/neasc-directory>
    - iii. ( ) **Cognia** is the parent company over AdvanceEd/Measured Concepts. The following three regional accreditation agencies have merged to form AdvancEd:
      - Northwest Accreditation Commission
      - North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
      - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
<https://www.cognia.org/>
    - vi. ( ) **Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC):**  
<http://directory.acswasc.org/>
  
3. ( ) Does the organization/institution have a CDS code? YES ) NO )  
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/schooldirectory/>
  
4. ( ) Does the organization/institution have a CEEB Code? YES ) NO )  
<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/k-12-school-code-search>
  
5. ( ) Does the organization/institution have a UCOP List (A-G List)? YES ) NO )  
<https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist>

Based on your research, if the organization/institution is recognized by the state (CDS Code), College Board (CEEB Code), and the UCOP office (A-G list), you may determine the organization/institution is appropriately accredited. If one or more answers are NO, please contact your LD Counseling Coordinator.