

**Idaho State Board of Education**  
**GOVERNING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**SECTION: III. POSTSECONDARY AFFAIRS**

**SUBSECTION: M. Public Postsecondary Accreditation**

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Boise State University, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, University of Idaho, College of Eastern Idaho, College of Southern Idaho, College of Western Idaho, and North Idaho College shall be accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) and evaluated on a seven-year accreditation cycle. Evaluations are conducted in progressive stages that build on previous findings and regular feedback from peer evaluators and the NWCCU Board of Commissioners. All eight institutions shall follow the process prescribed by NWCCU. The universities and Lewis-Clark State College shall update the Board, and the community colleges shall update their local boards of trustees, as to the content and status of their self-evaluation at each stage of the reporting cycle.

1. For Boise State University, Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, and University of Idaho:
  - a. Board members shall be provided with opportunities to participate in the evaluation process. Prior to formal NWCCU accreditation visits to an institution, the president will notify the Board's Executive Director of such visit and schedule a time and place for Board representation during each visit. The Board's Executive Director (or designee) and Board member(s) shall visit the NWCCU self-study team as determined by the Board's Executive Director upon consultation with the NWCCU review team.
  - b. Copies of the NWCCU reports completed by an institution shall be submitted to the Board's Executive Director at the same time the report is forwarded to NWCCU. A draft copy of the NWCCU year one self-evaluation report completed by an institution shall be shared with the Board's Executive Director prior to its submission to NWCCU. A copy of each corrective action progress report submitted to NWCCU by an institution will also be forwarded to the Board's Executive Director at the same time the report is sent to NWCCU.